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# UMAIR FROM GLASGOW IS THE BEANO BOSS!

WORDS: Grace Balfour-Harle ART: Emily McGorman-Bruce



## WANT TO BE

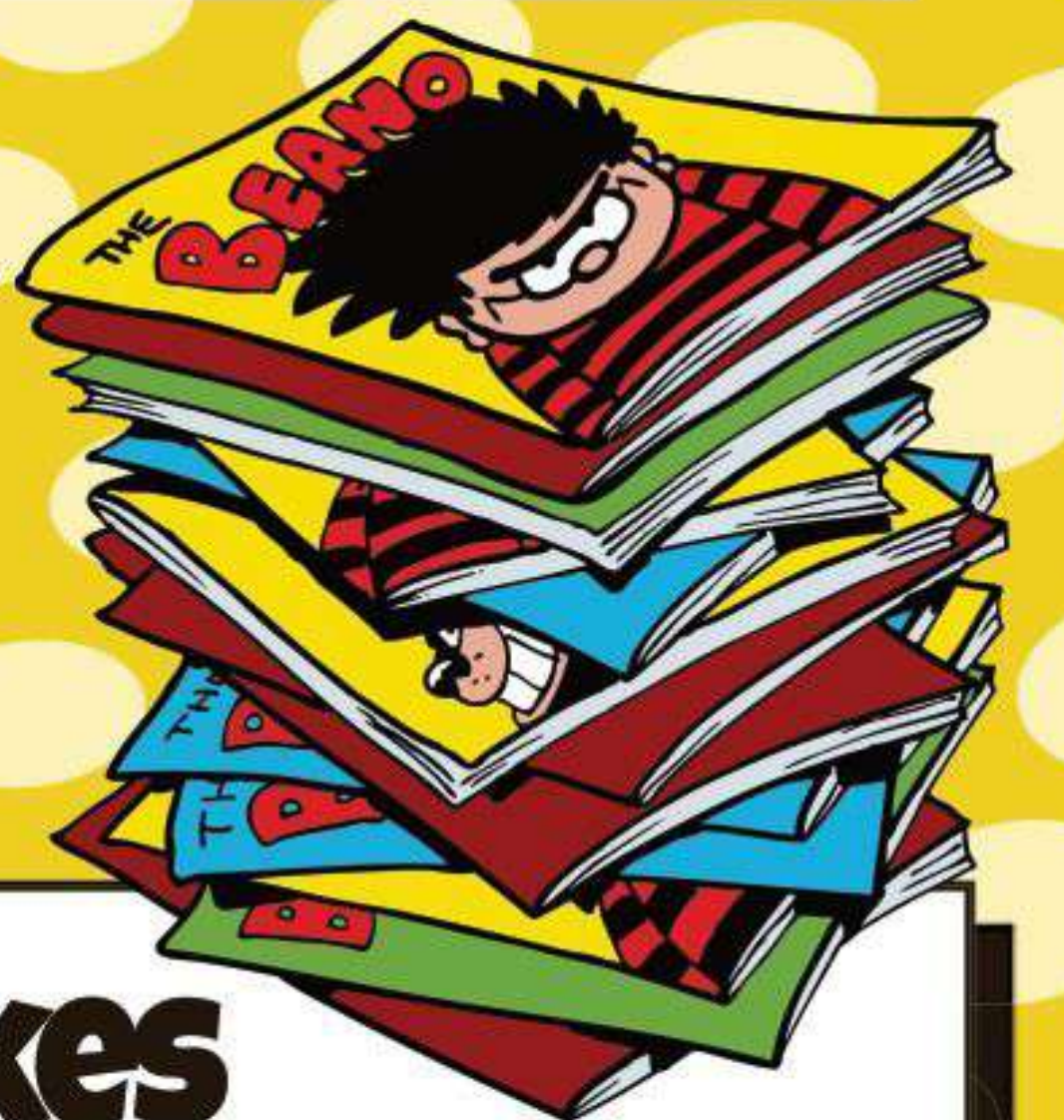
## THE BEANO BOSS?

Next week, it could be you!

ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS ANSWER THIS QUESTION!

Who does Minnie say she's a better runner than?

The answer is somewhere in this comic!



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Make sure you tell us:

**1** The answer to the question!

**2** Your all-time favourite joke!

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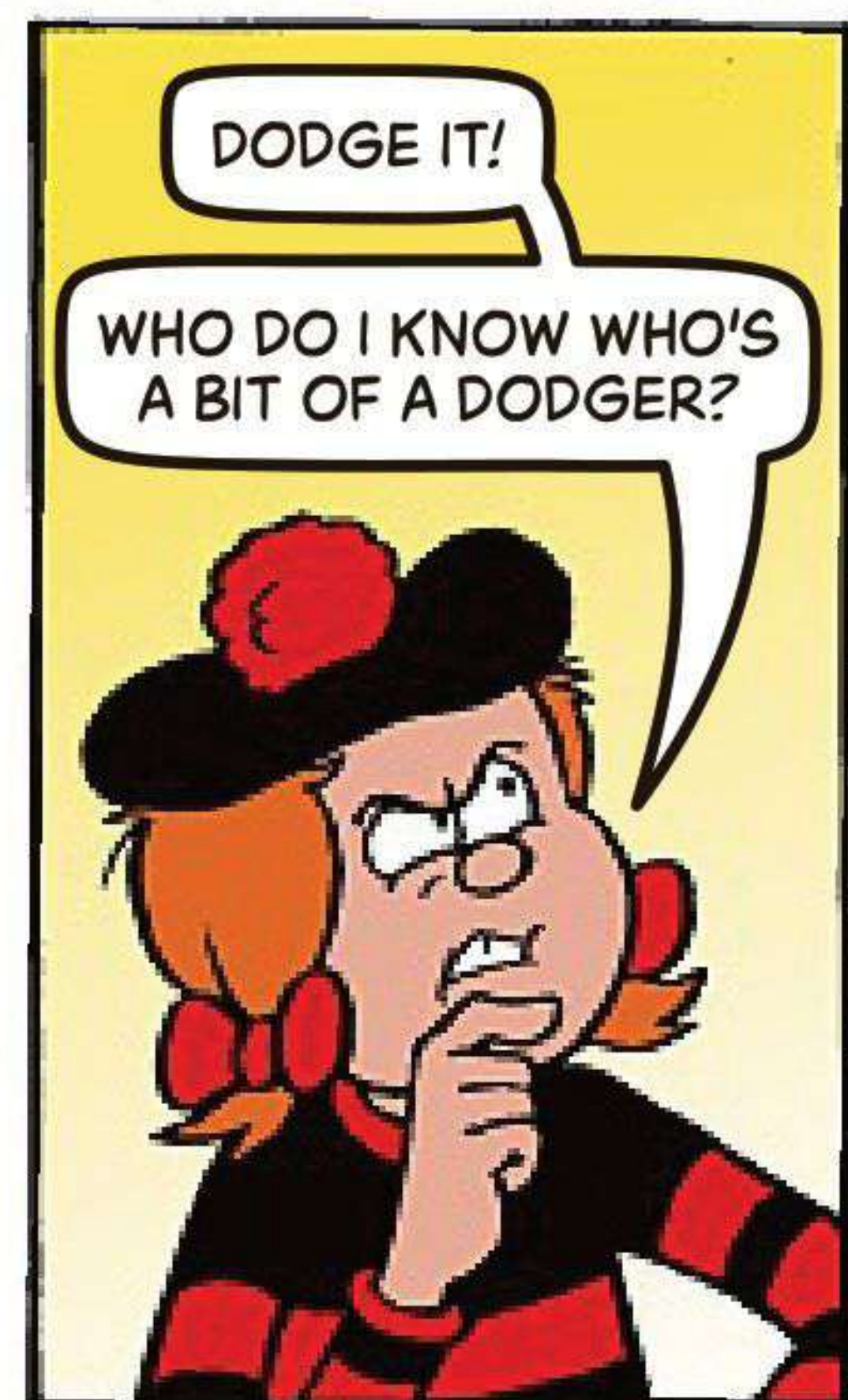
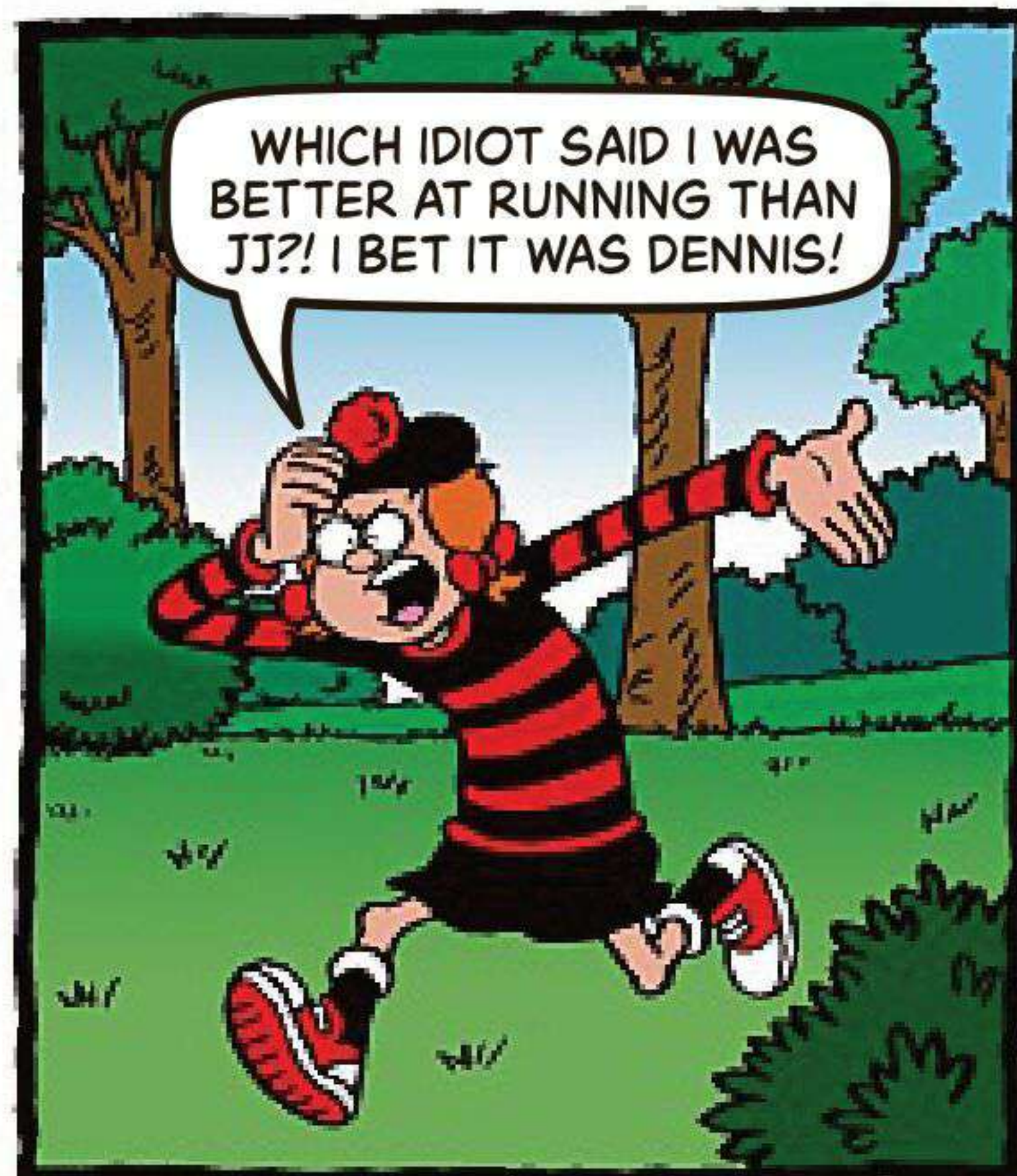
The funniest entry will be chosen by the Beano editor. Please see page 35 for important details. Did you know, panda droppings can be made into paper?!

The answer to last week's question was Barry!

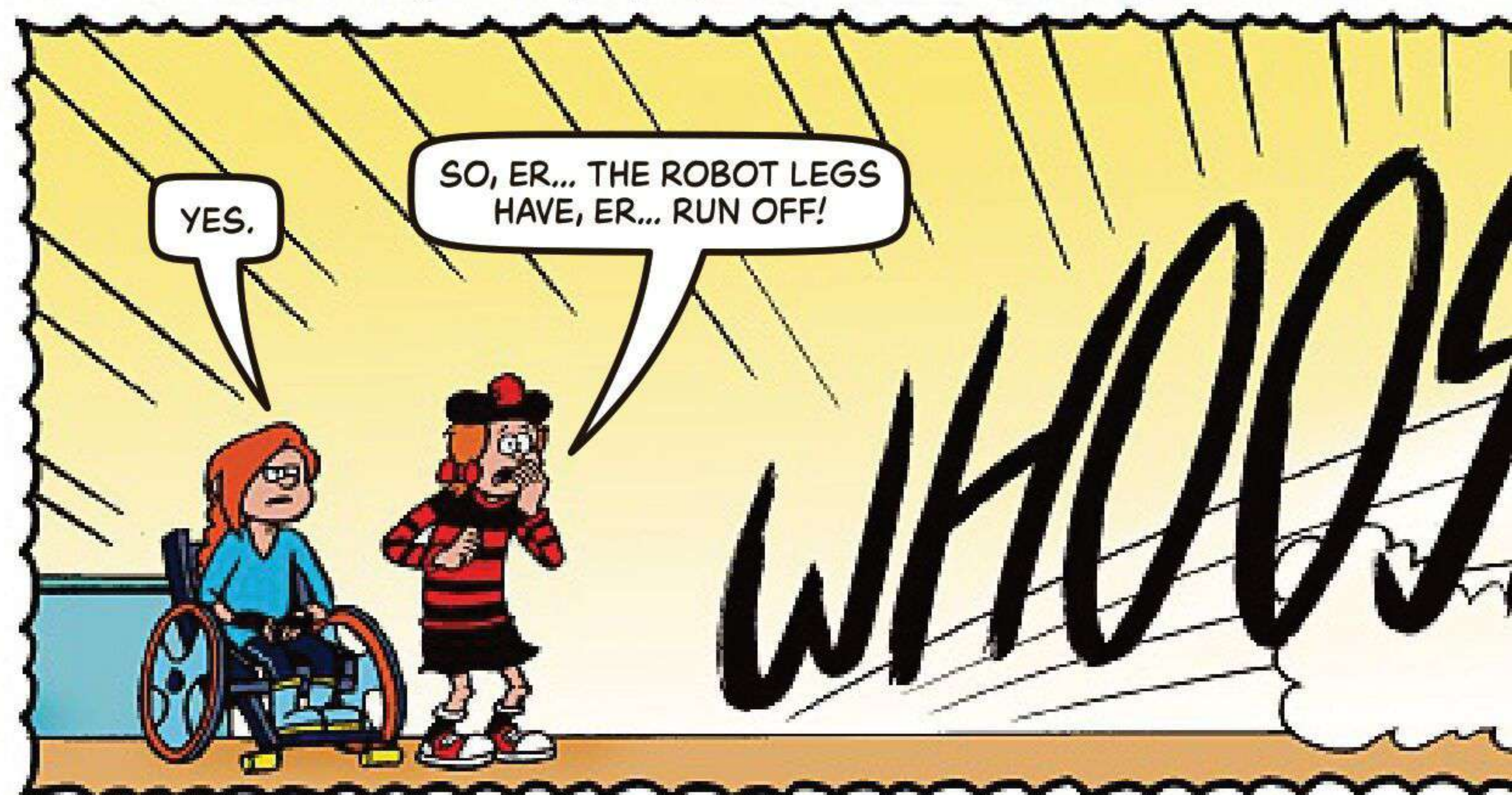
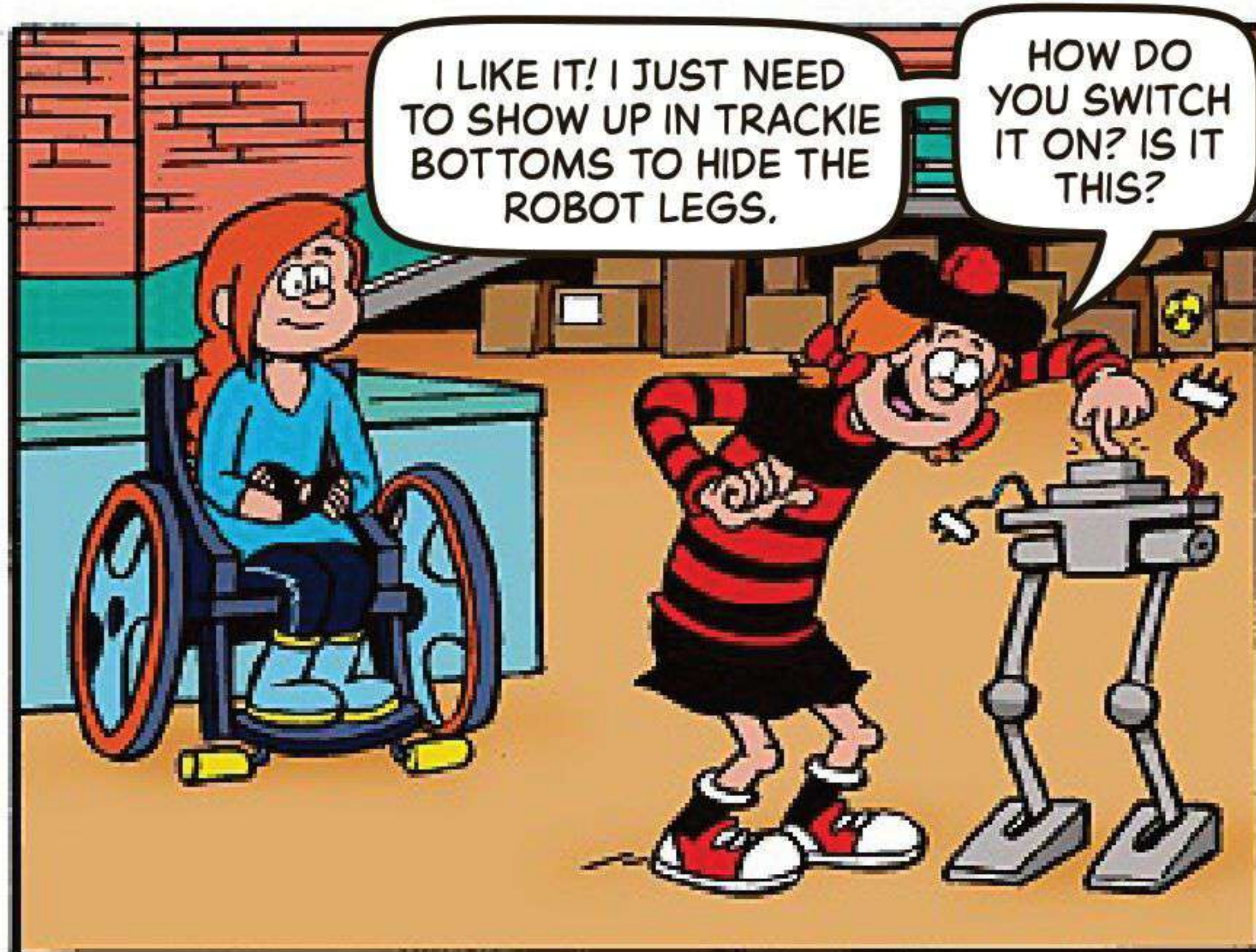
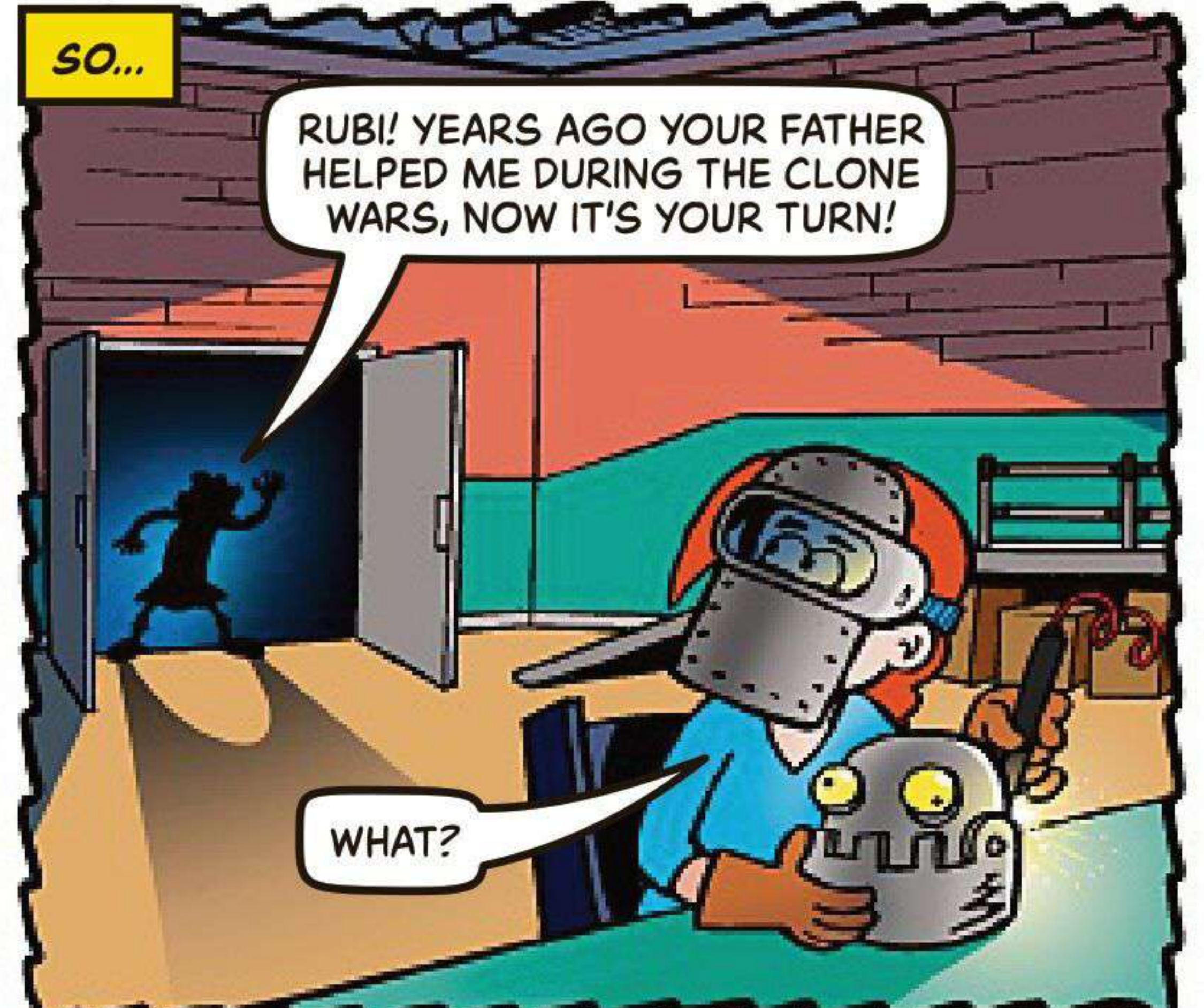
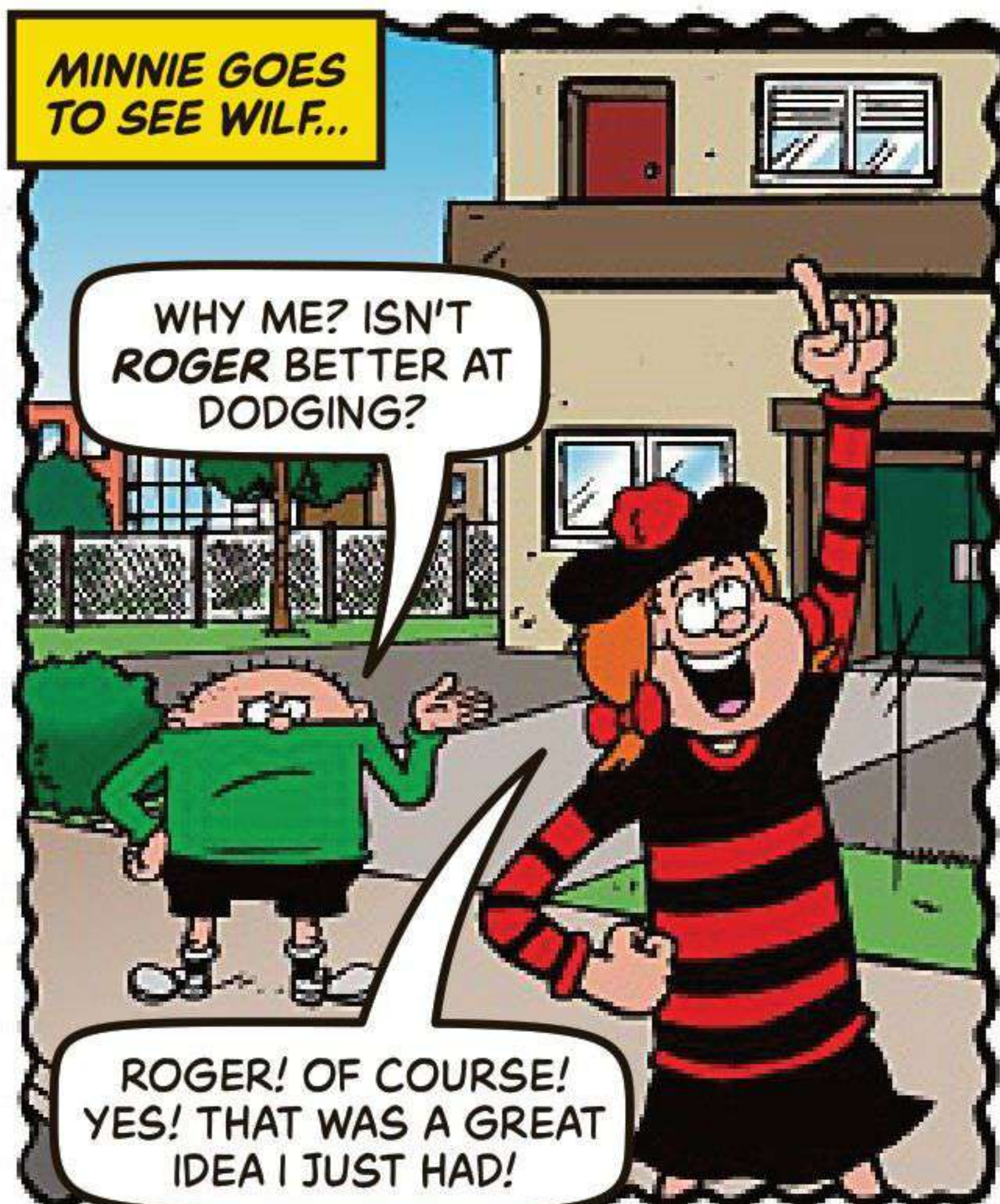


# MINNIE THE MINX

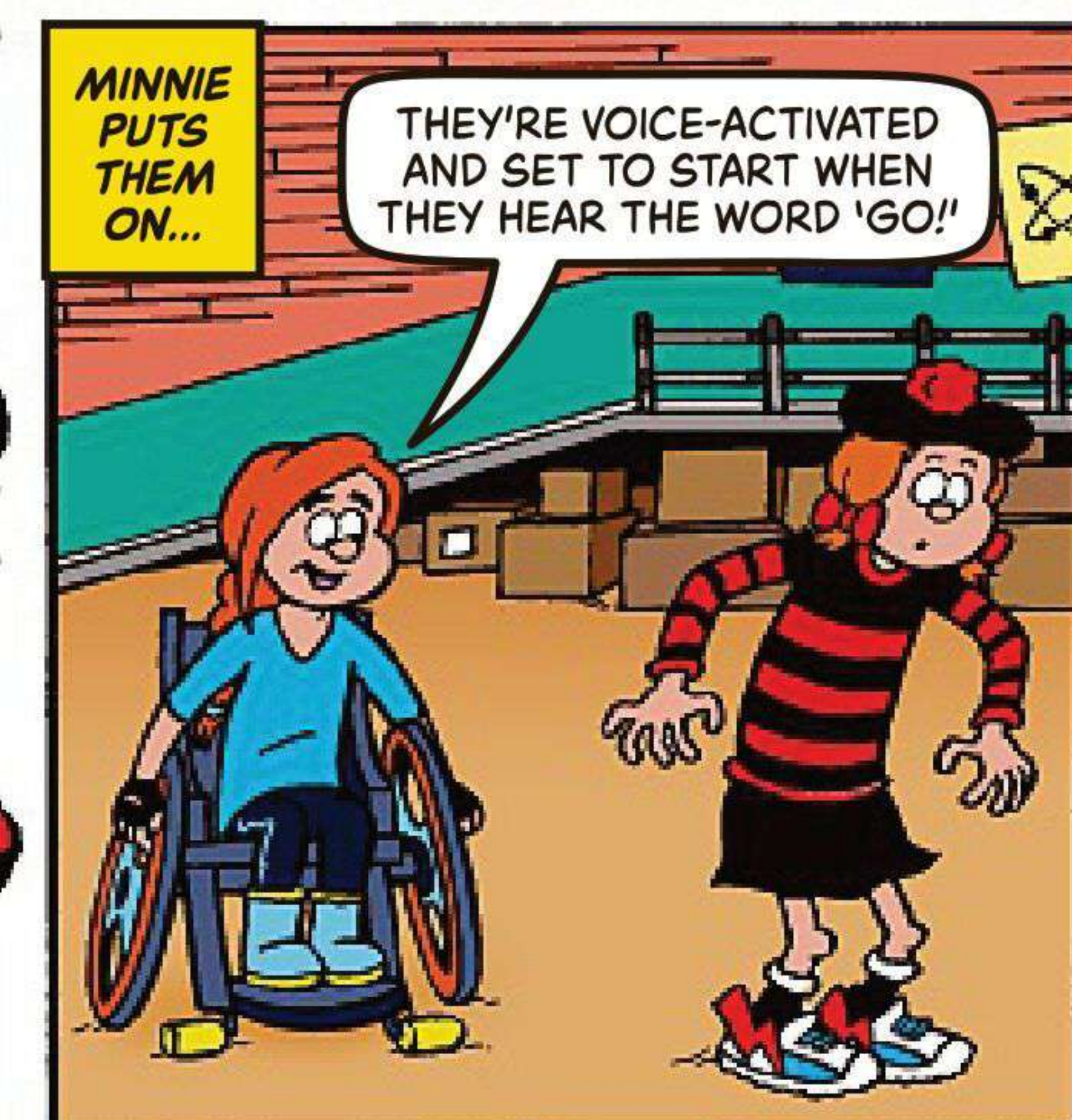
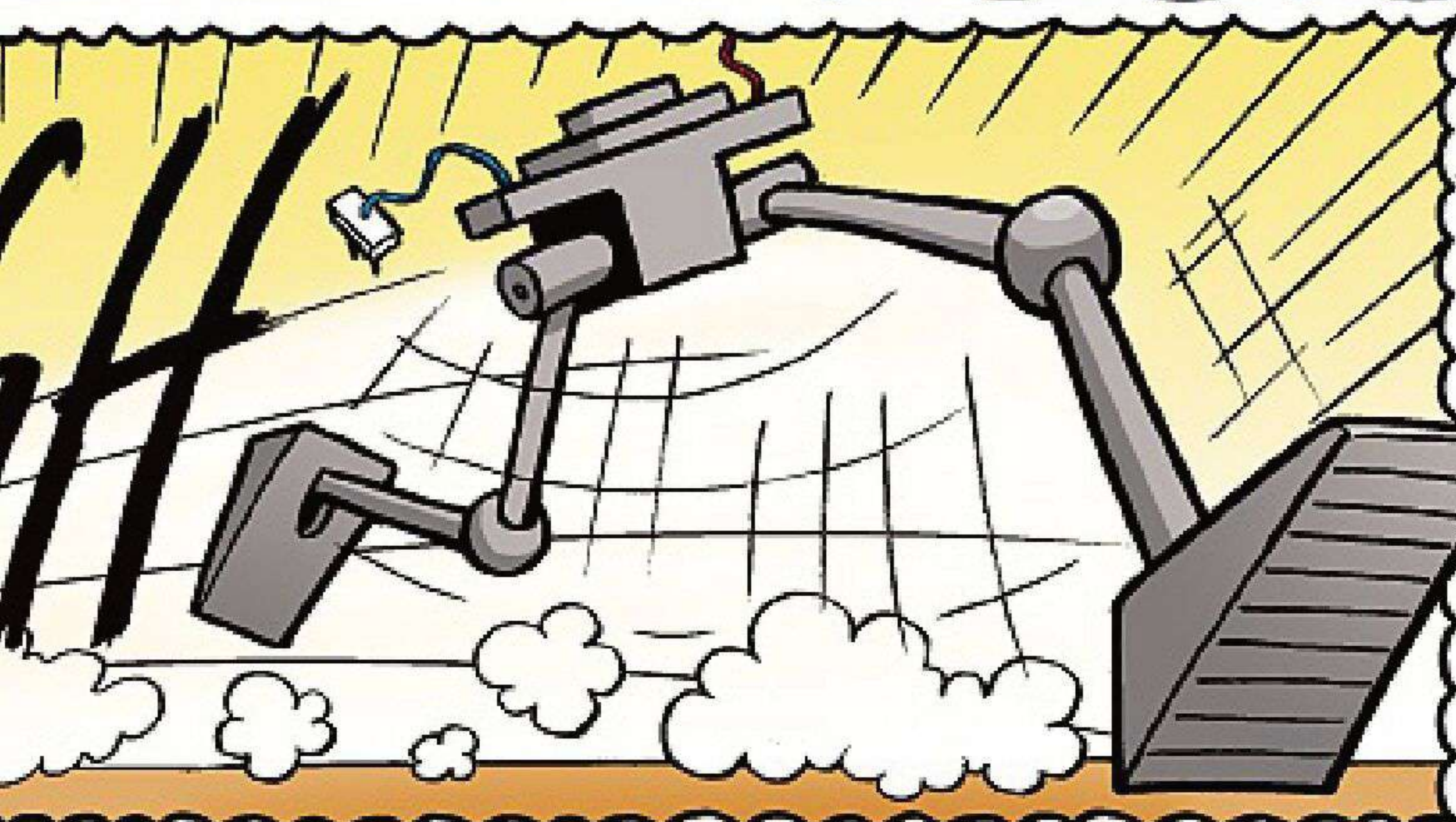
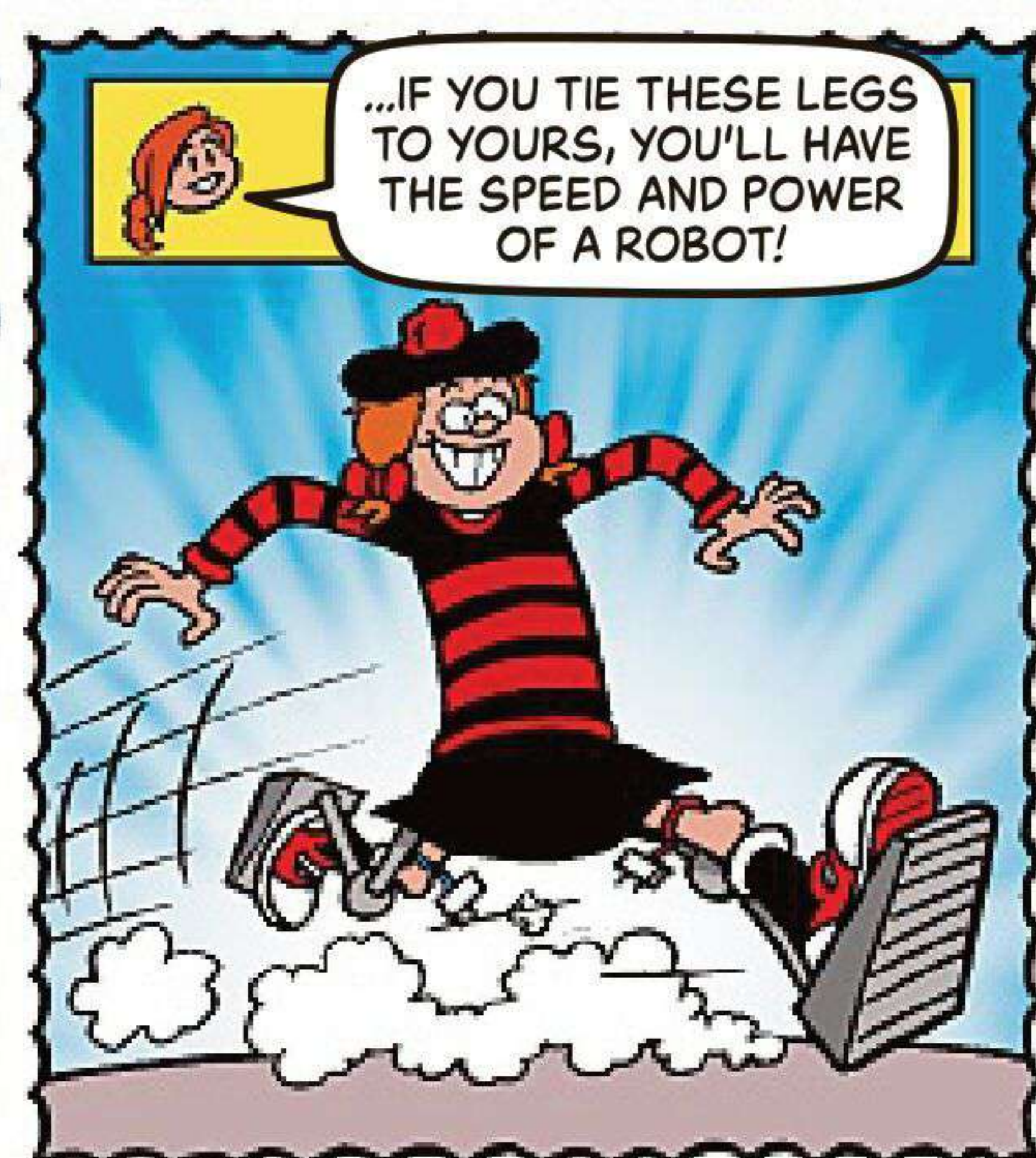
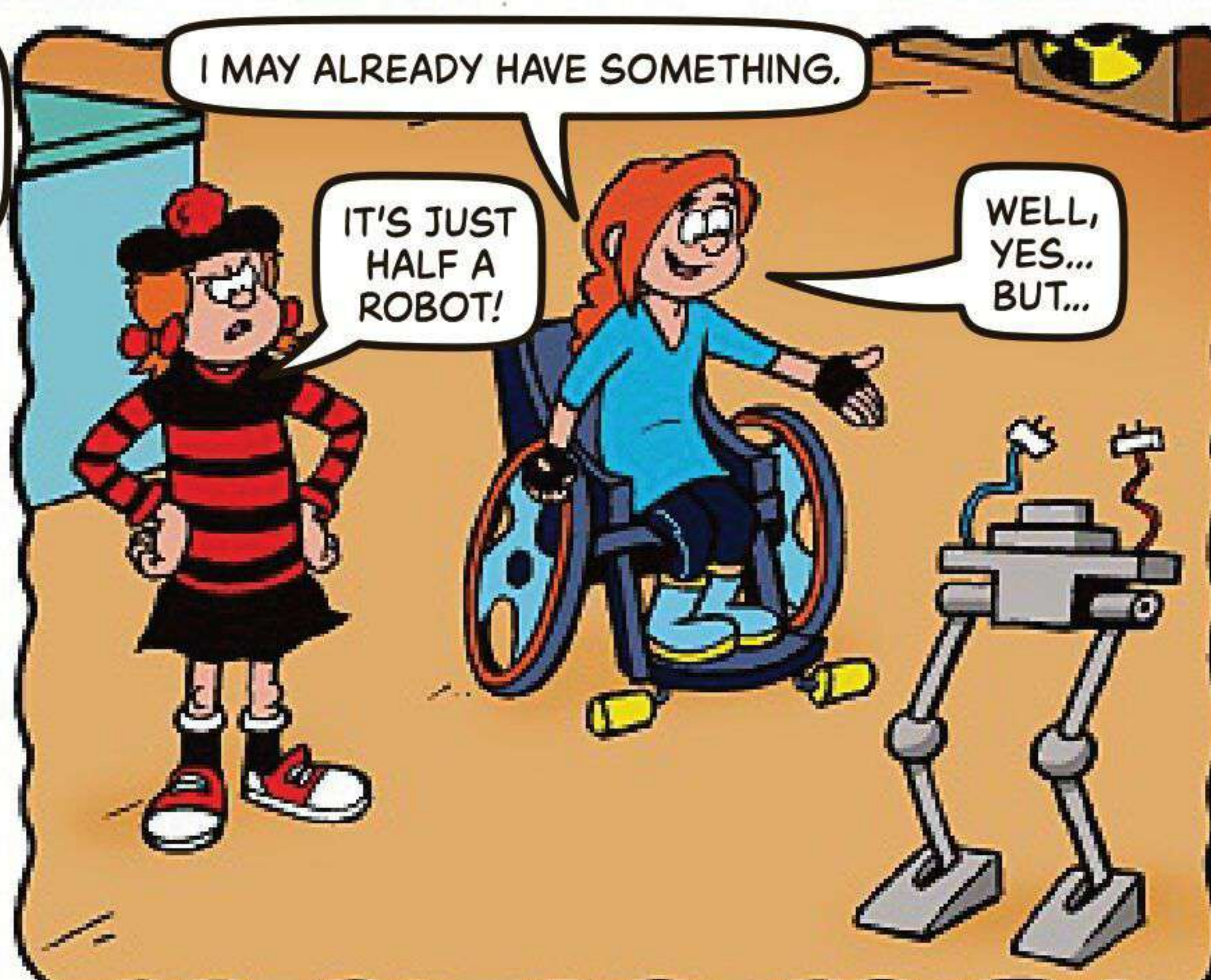
SHE'S TOUGHER THAN ALL THE BOYS...



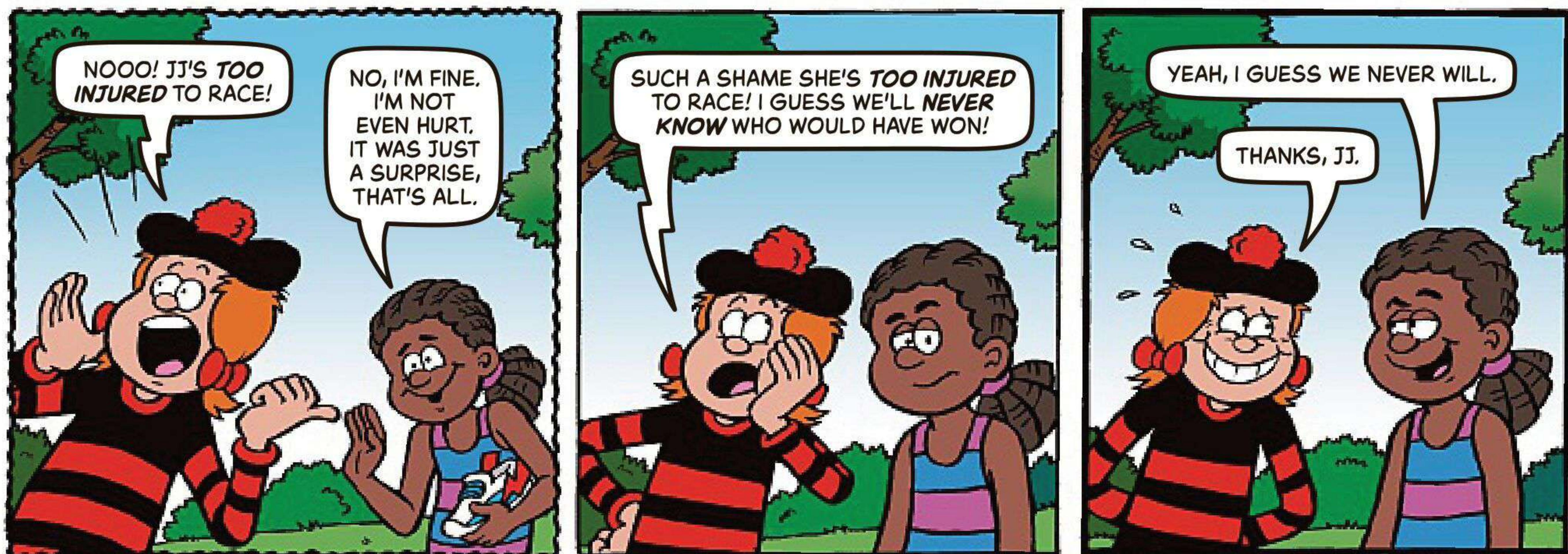
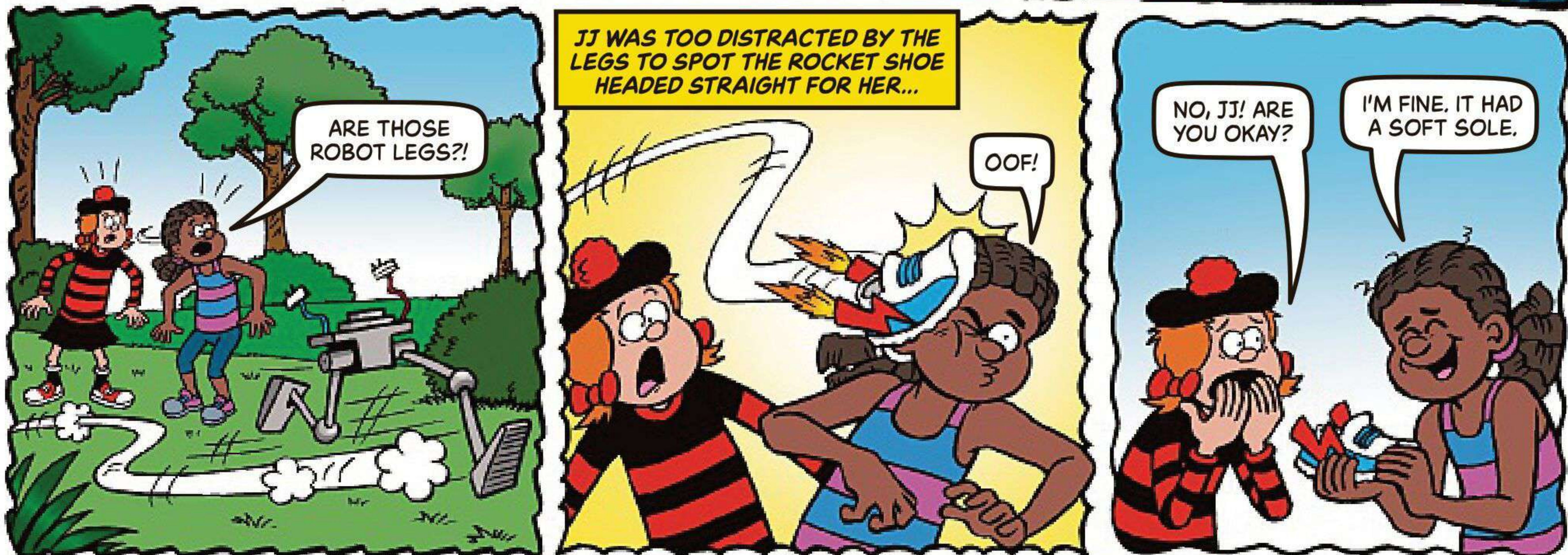












What is written on Frankenstein's gravestone? **Rest in pieces!**

THIS JOKE IS SO FUNNY!





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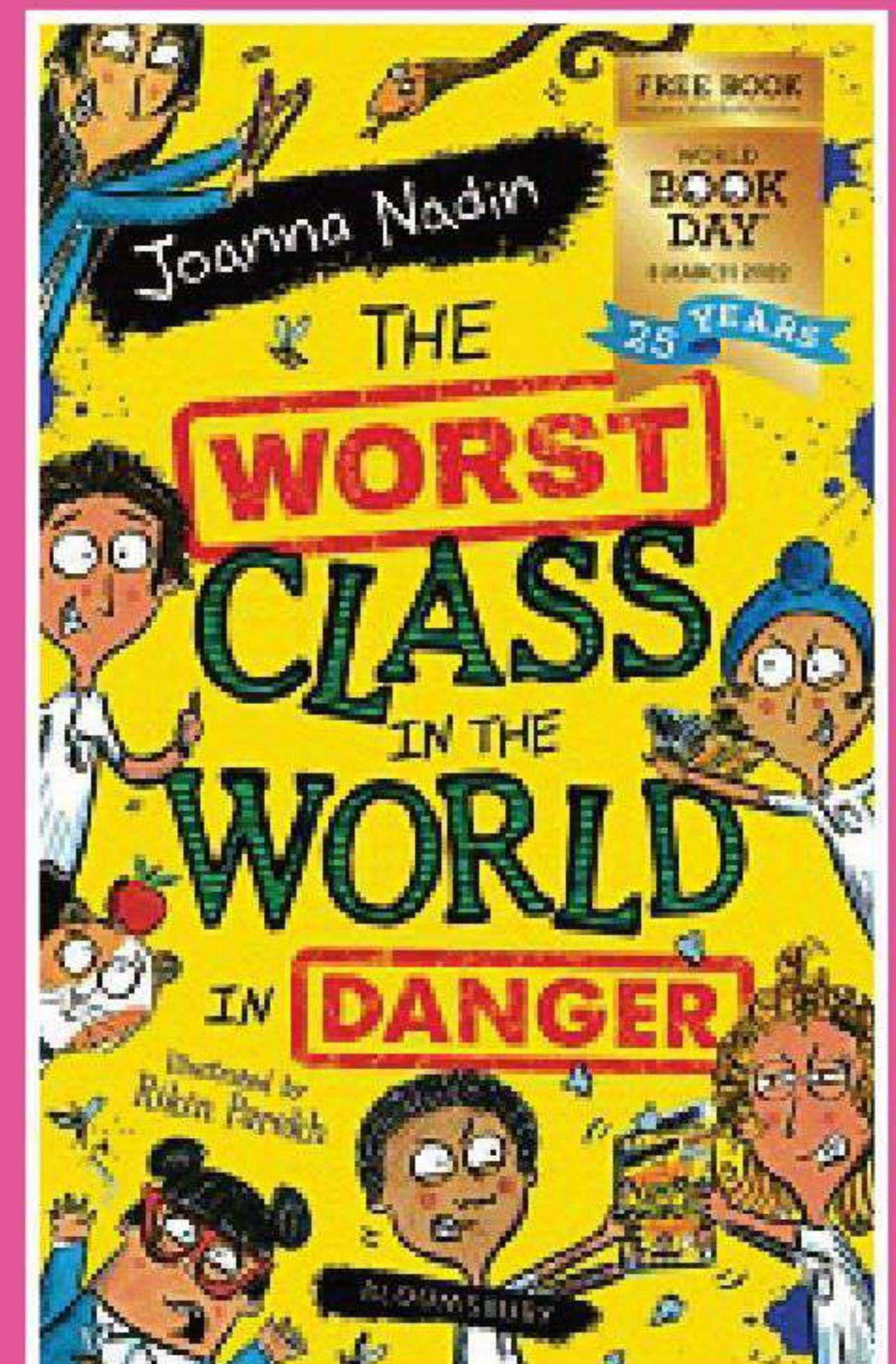
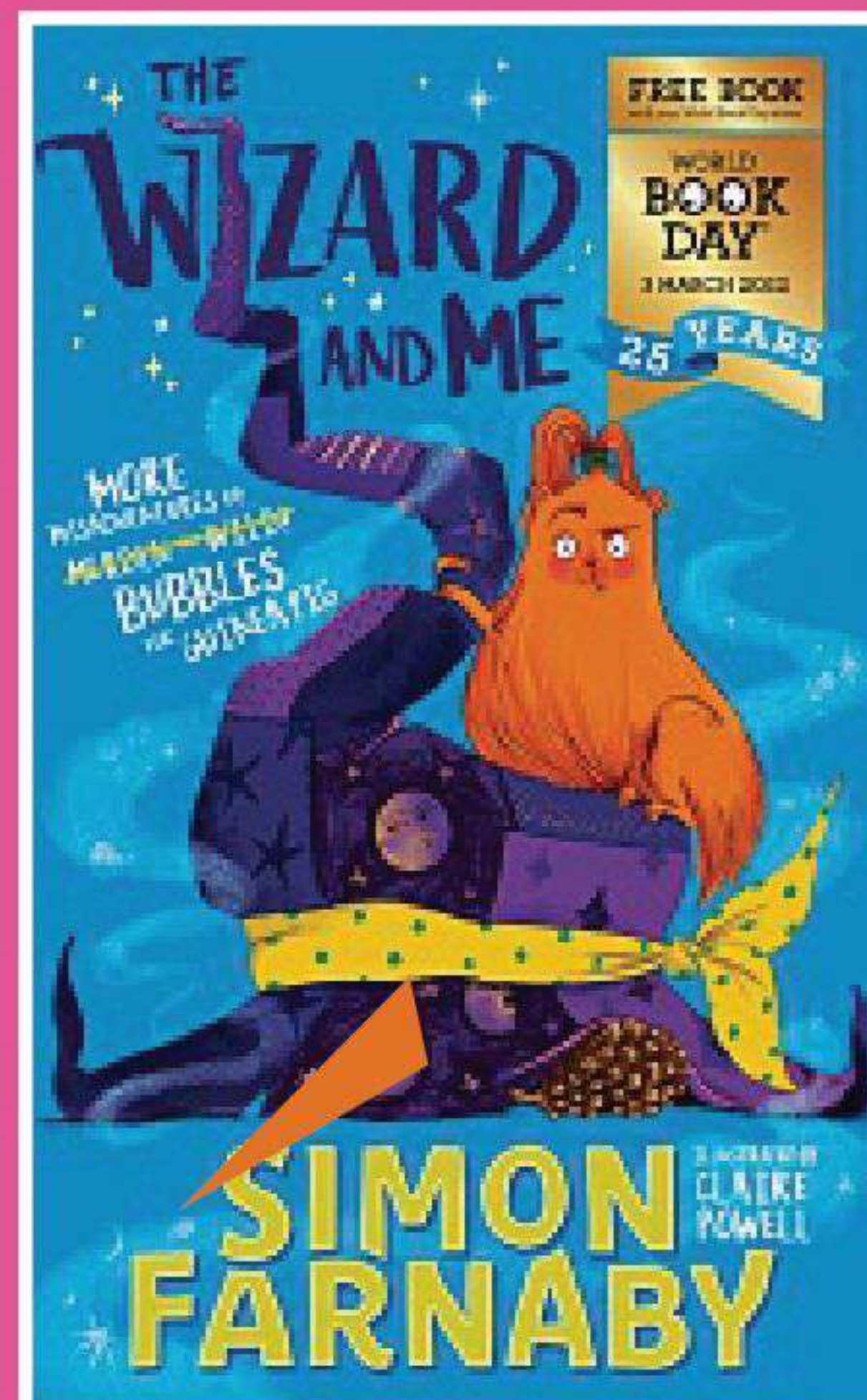
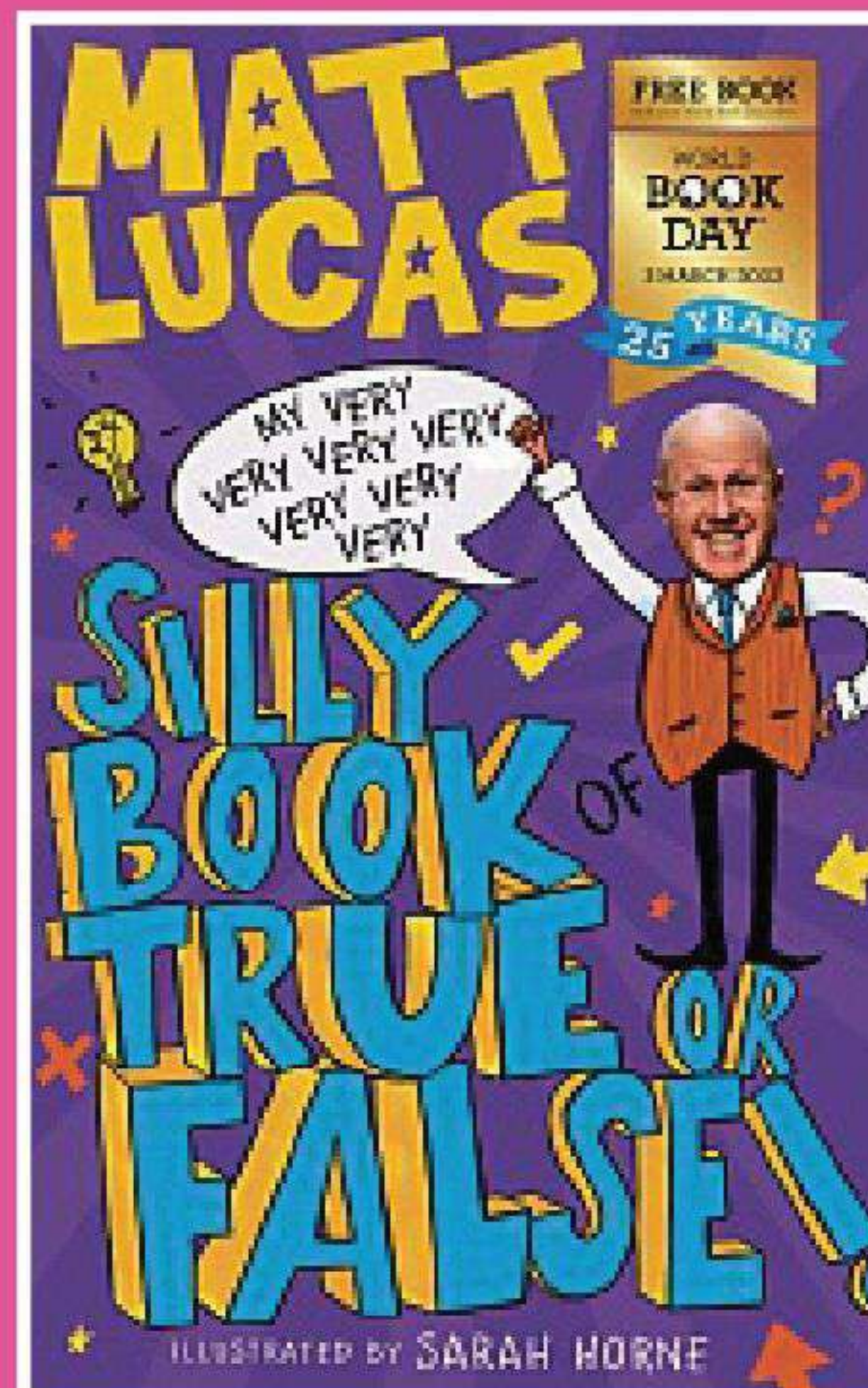
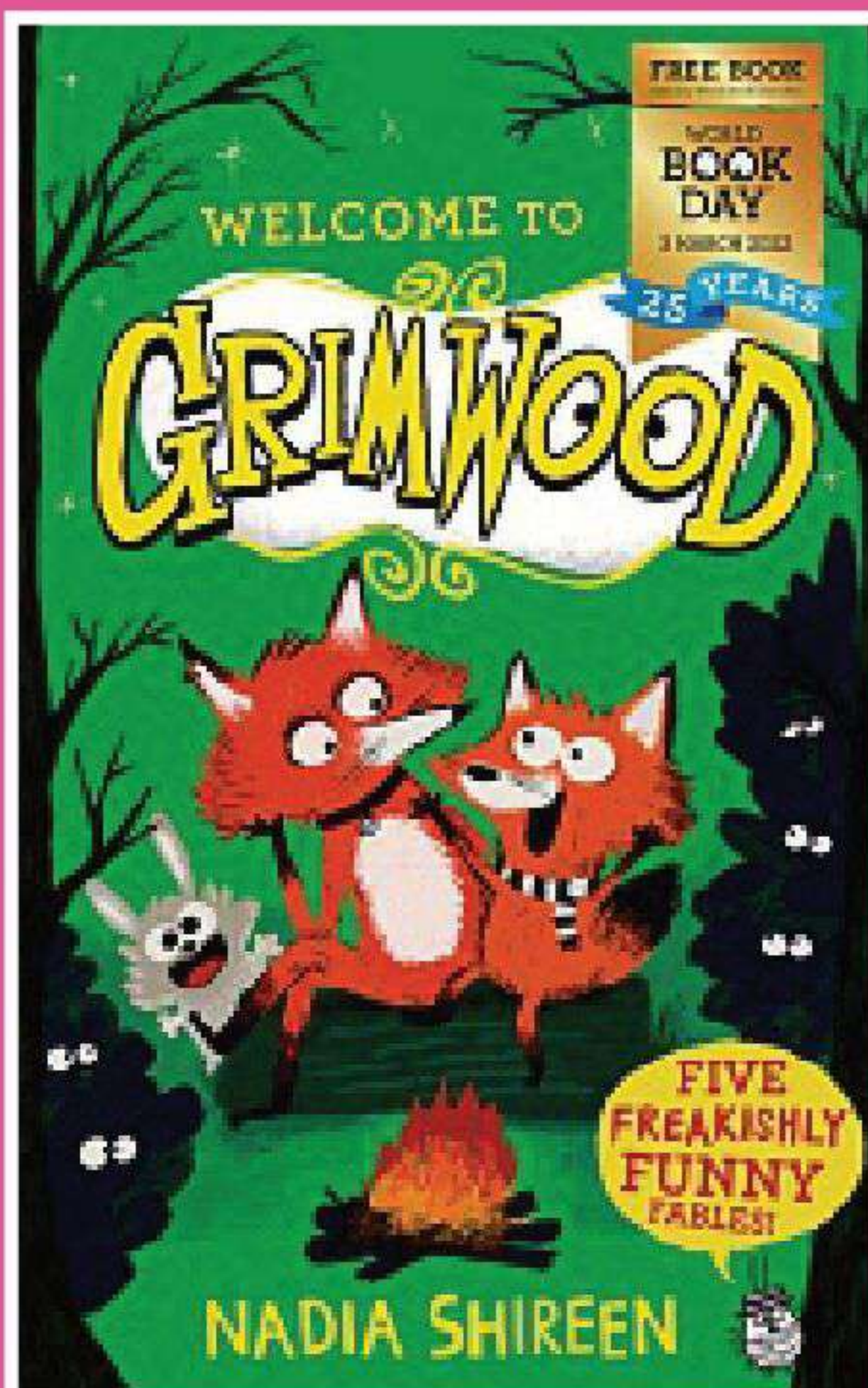
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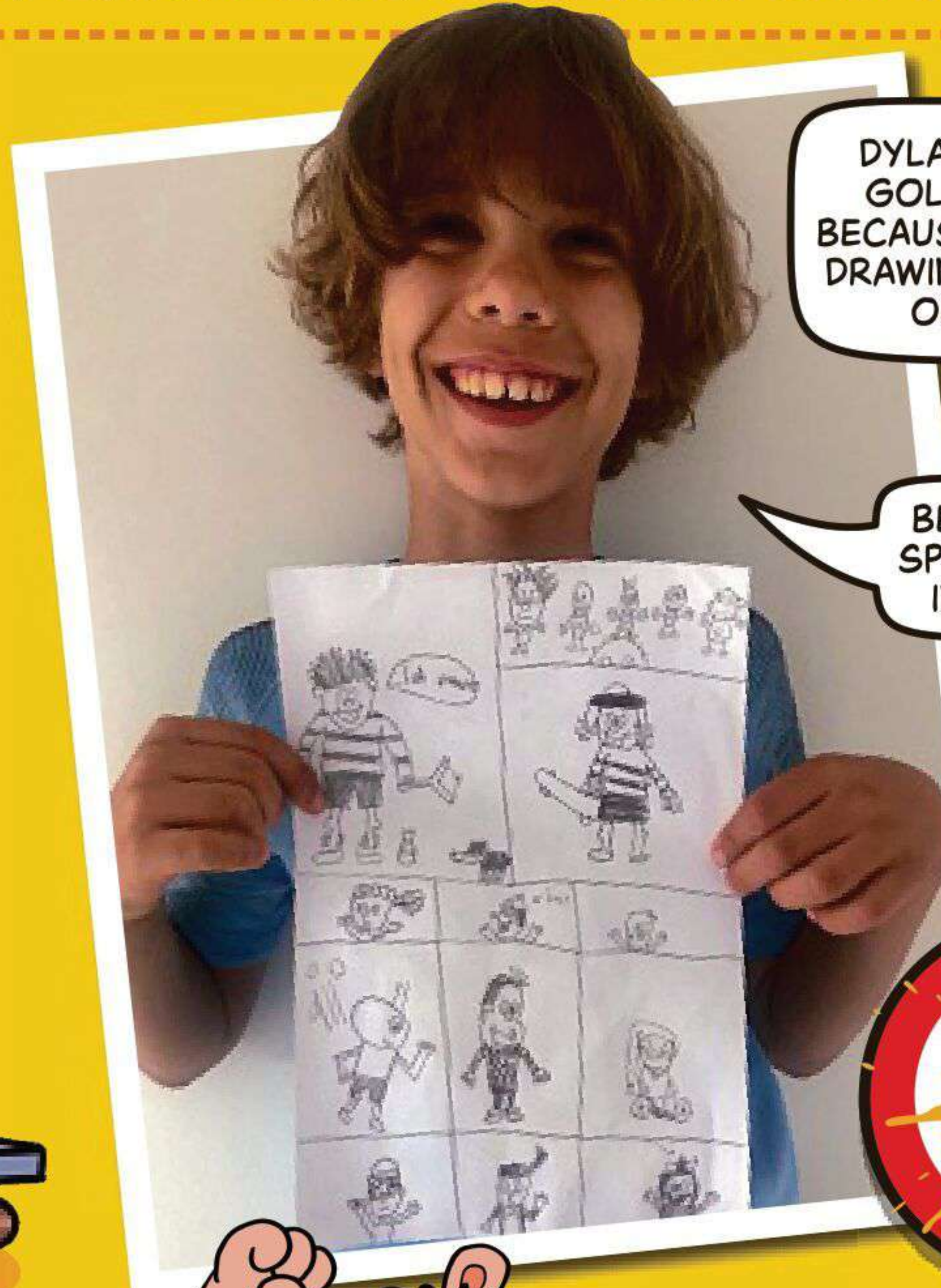
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## LUCY FROM NEWTOWNBUTLER

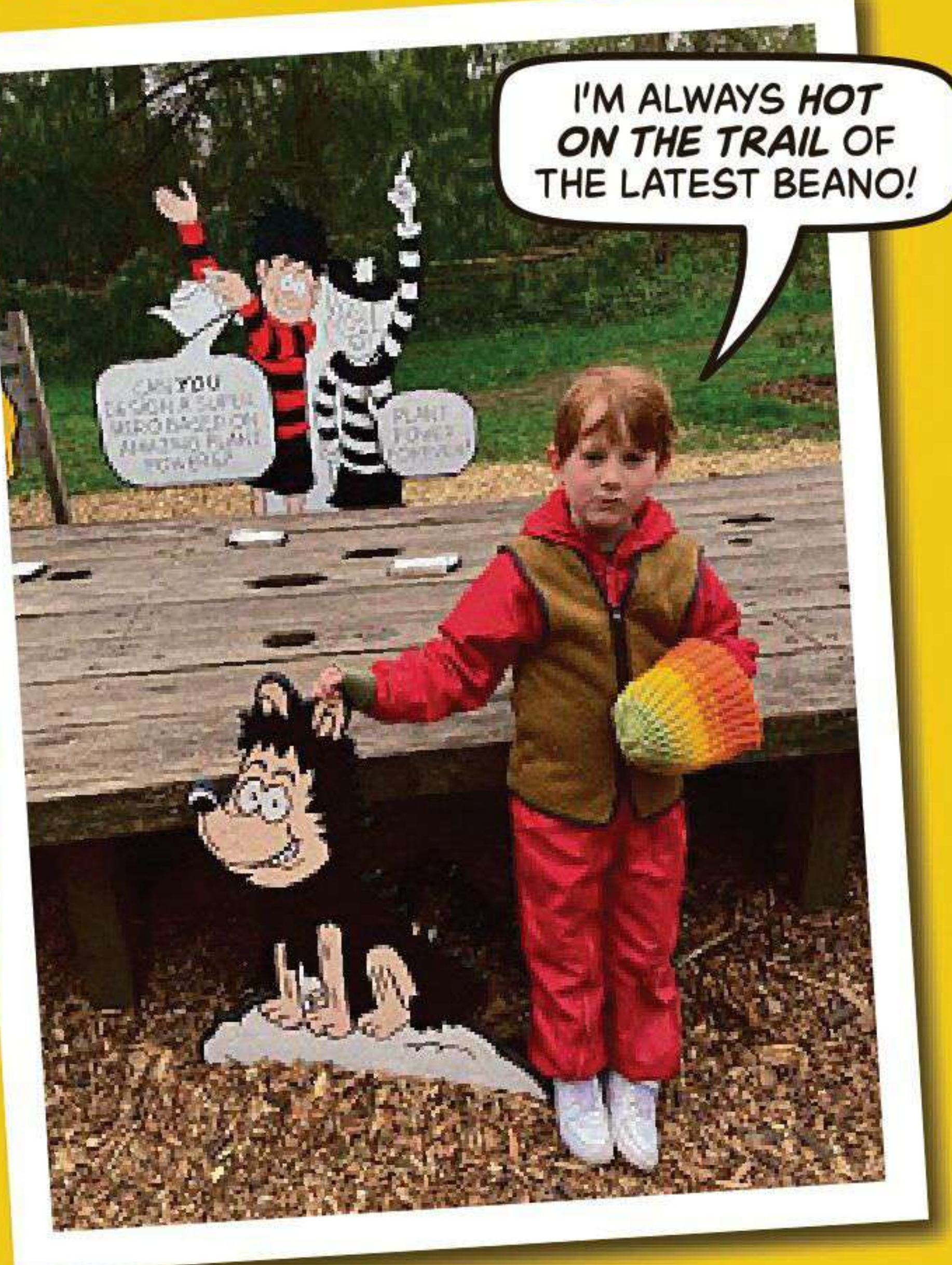


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No menace is complete without their best animal buddy! Do you have a pet you love to read Beano with? Take a picture and send it in with your name and home town to [animalbuddy@beano.com](mailto:animalbuddy@beano.com)



## WALTER FROM LONDON



## INGO AND EMMI FROM MANCHESTER



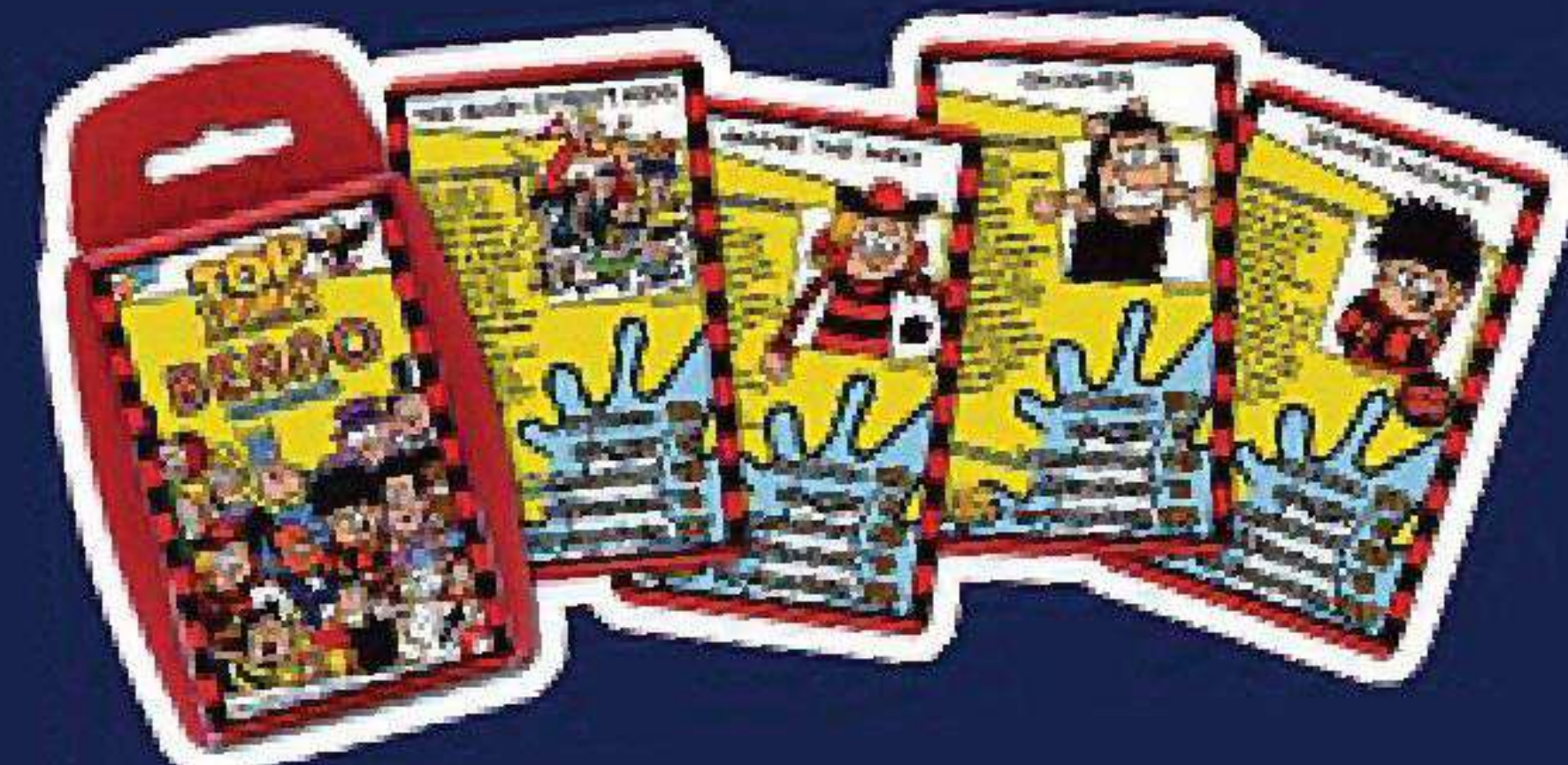
**Ingo and Emmi** always pack a Beano when they go camping!

## JON FROM CLECKHEATON



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The editor will choose the letters which make him laugh the most! Please see page 35 for important details.

## LUCAS FROM PWLLHELI

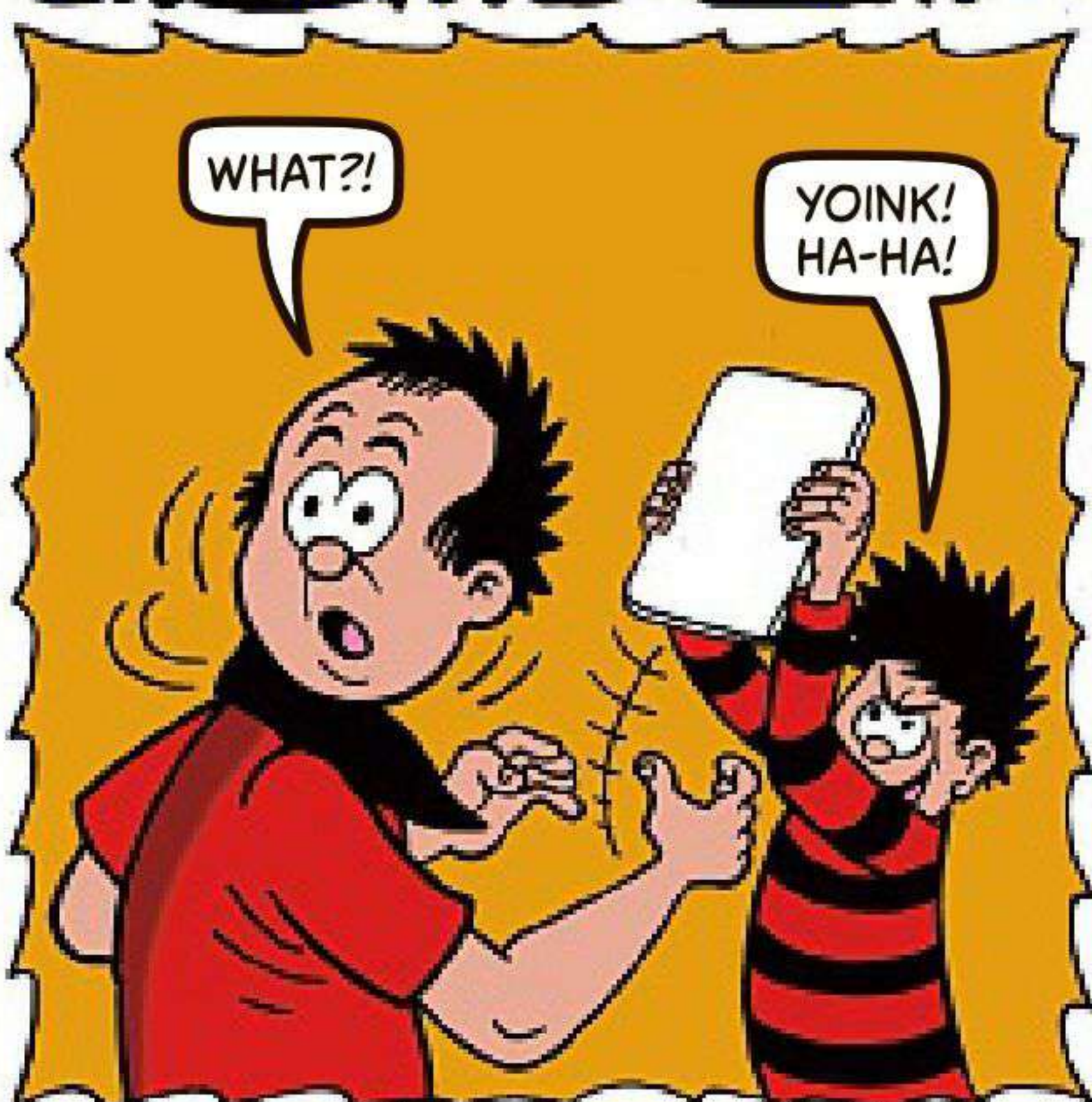
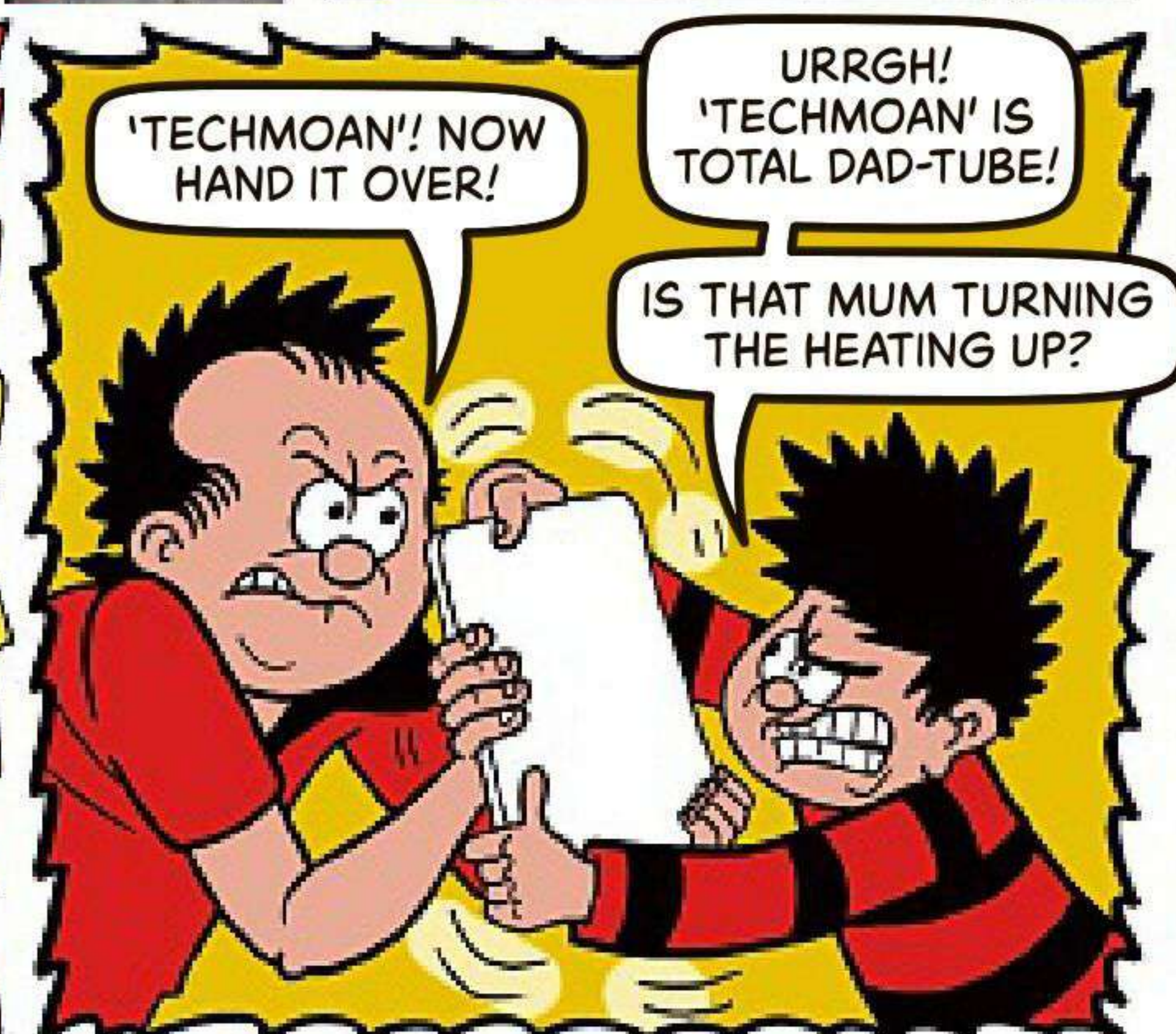
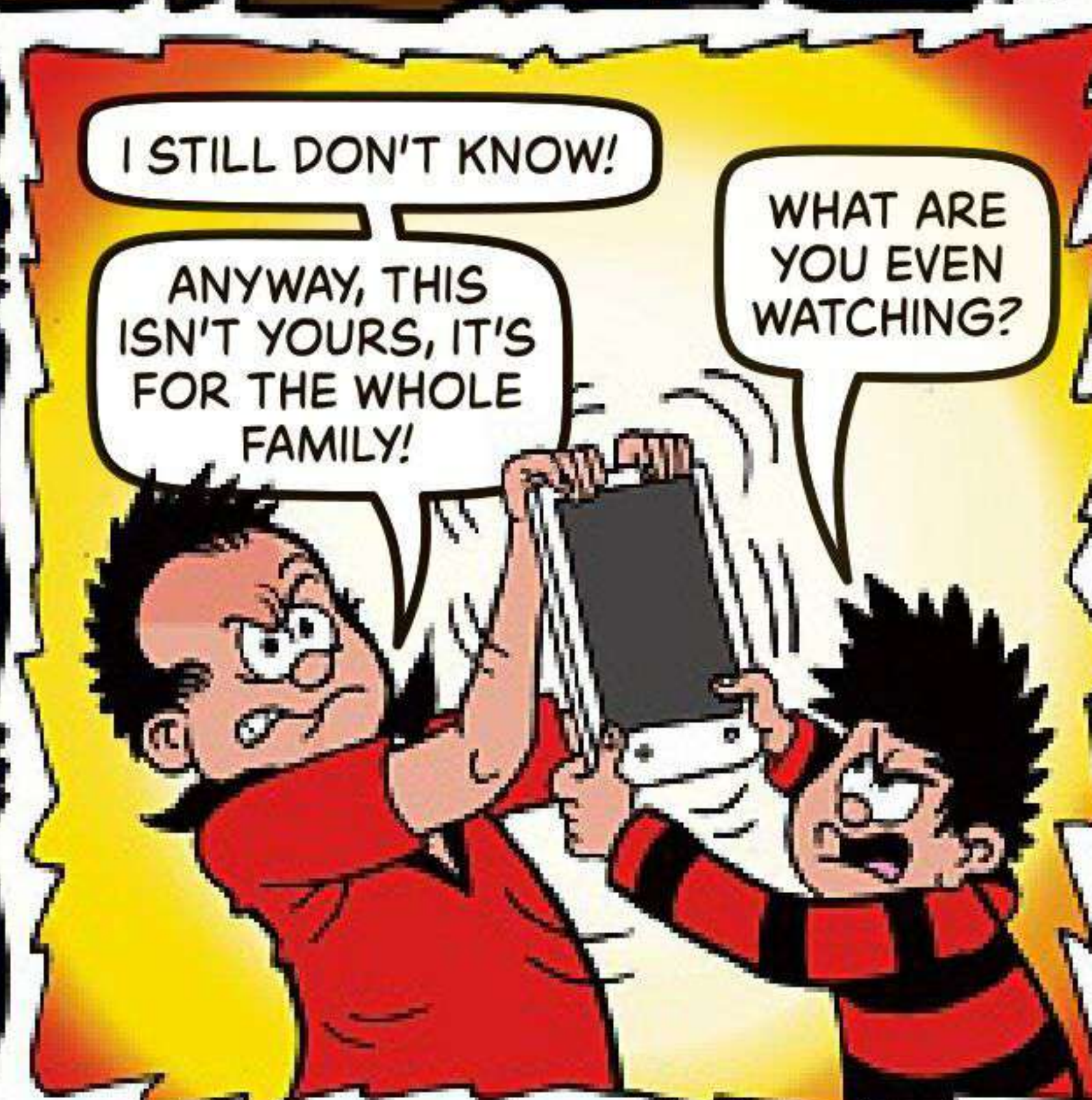
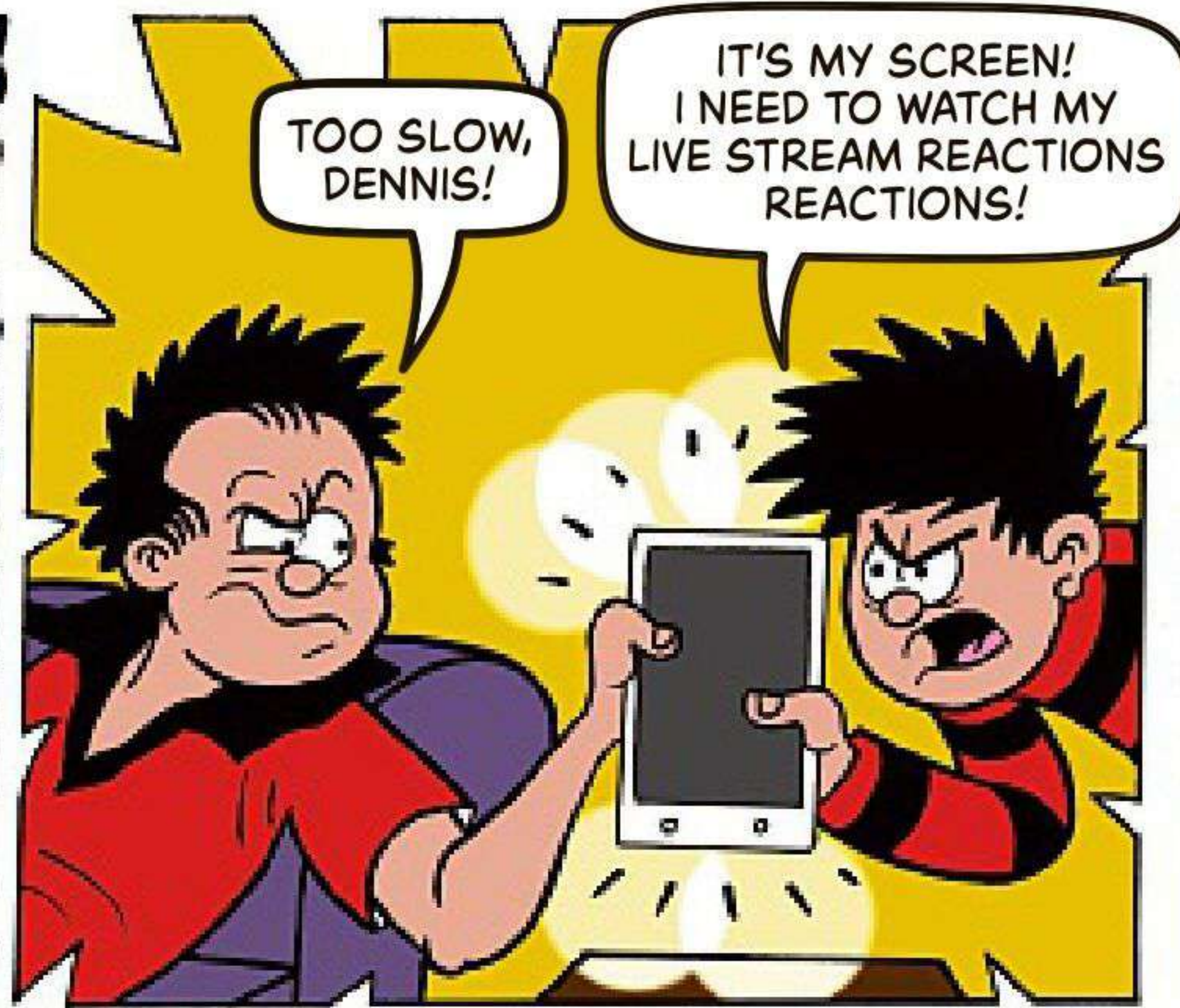
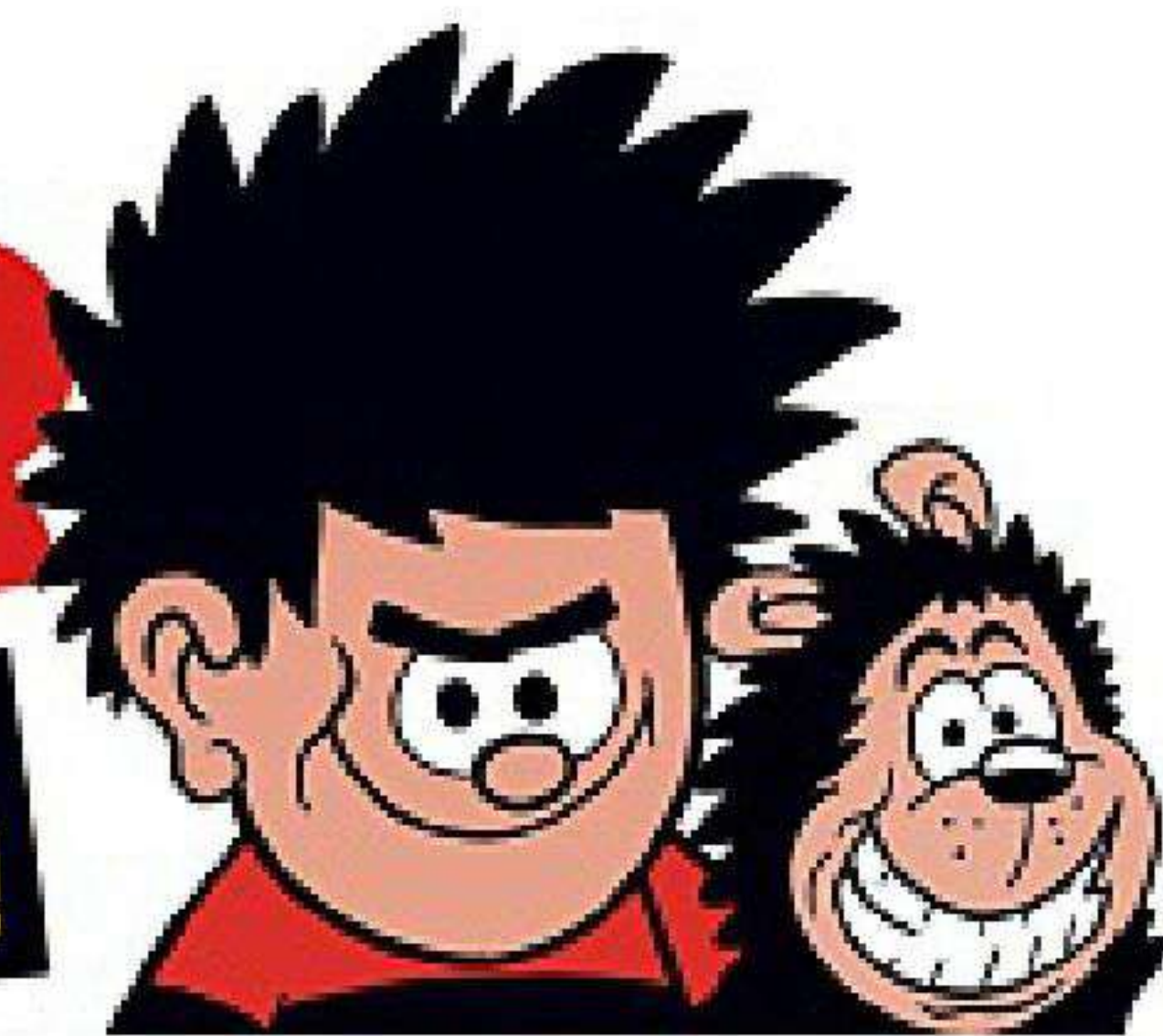


**Lucas** is sending a secret message about the name of his favourite comic!

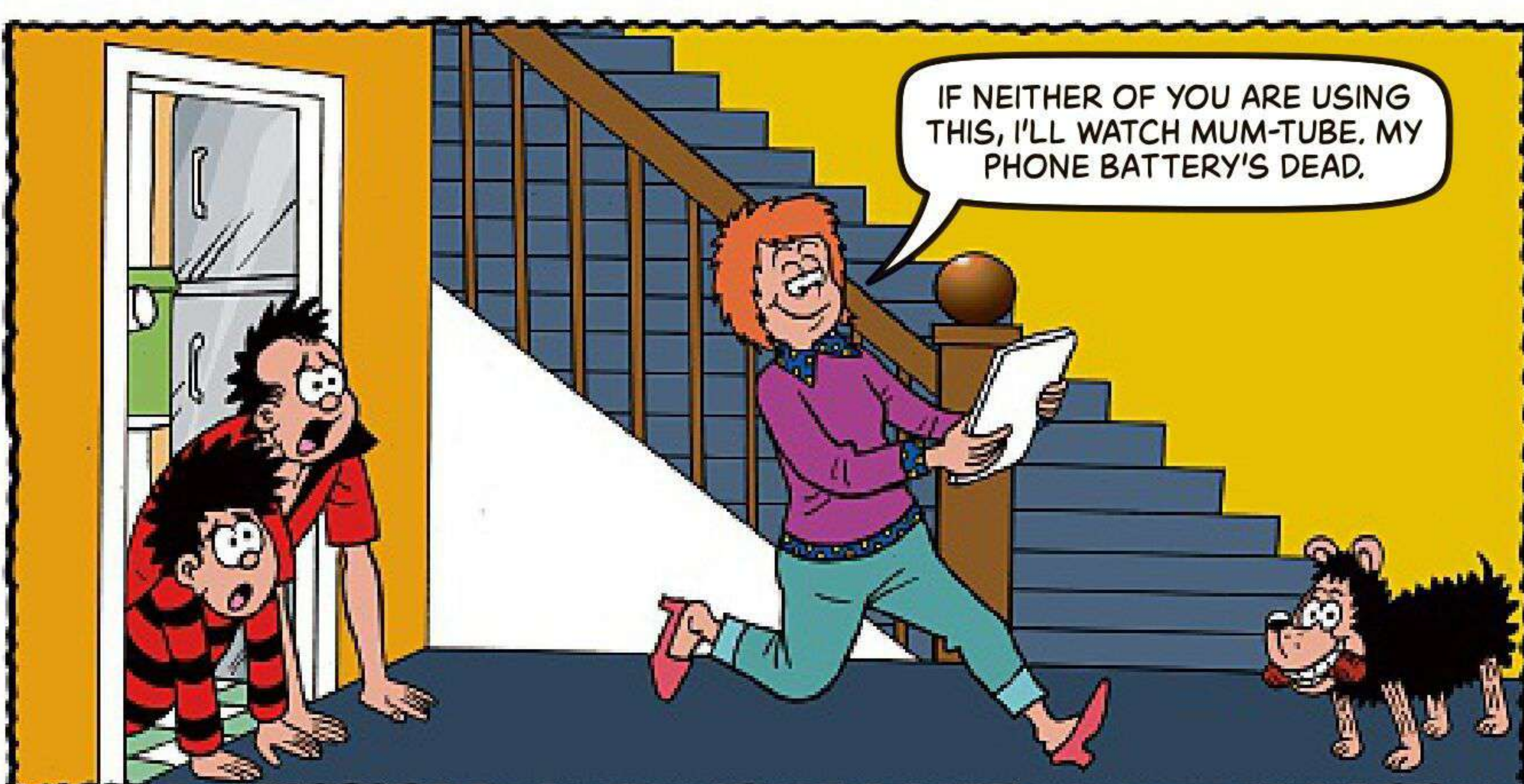
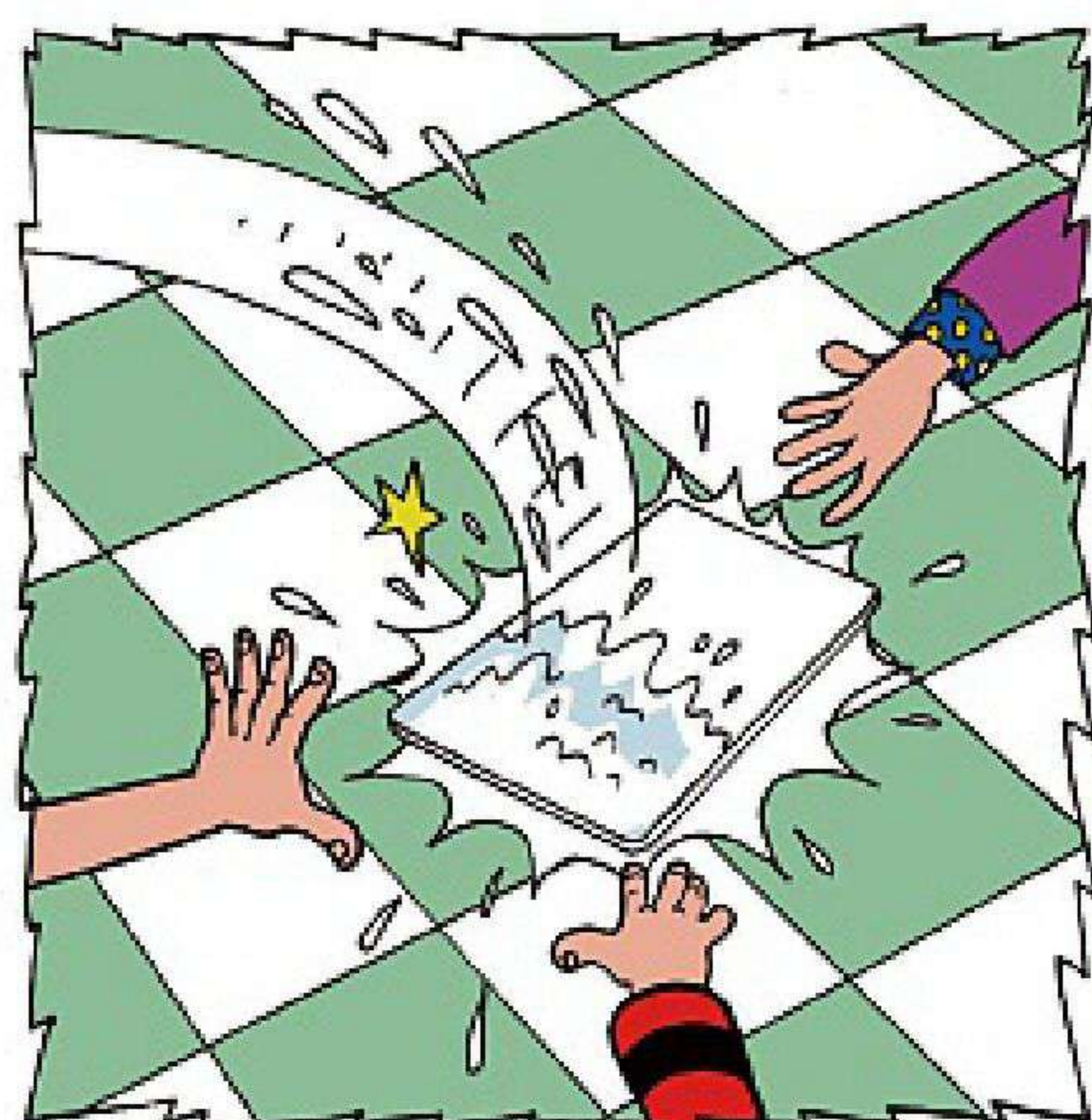
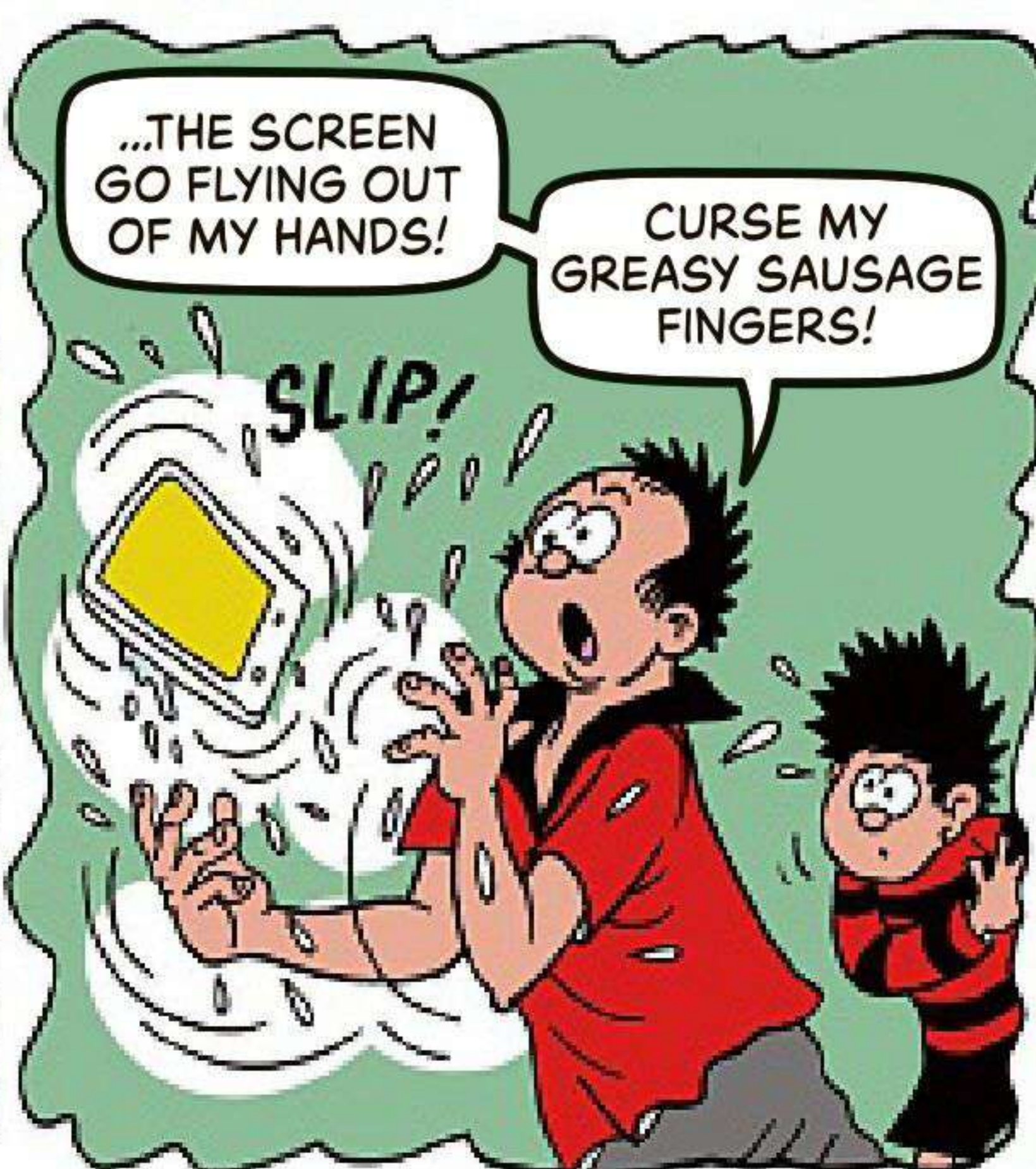
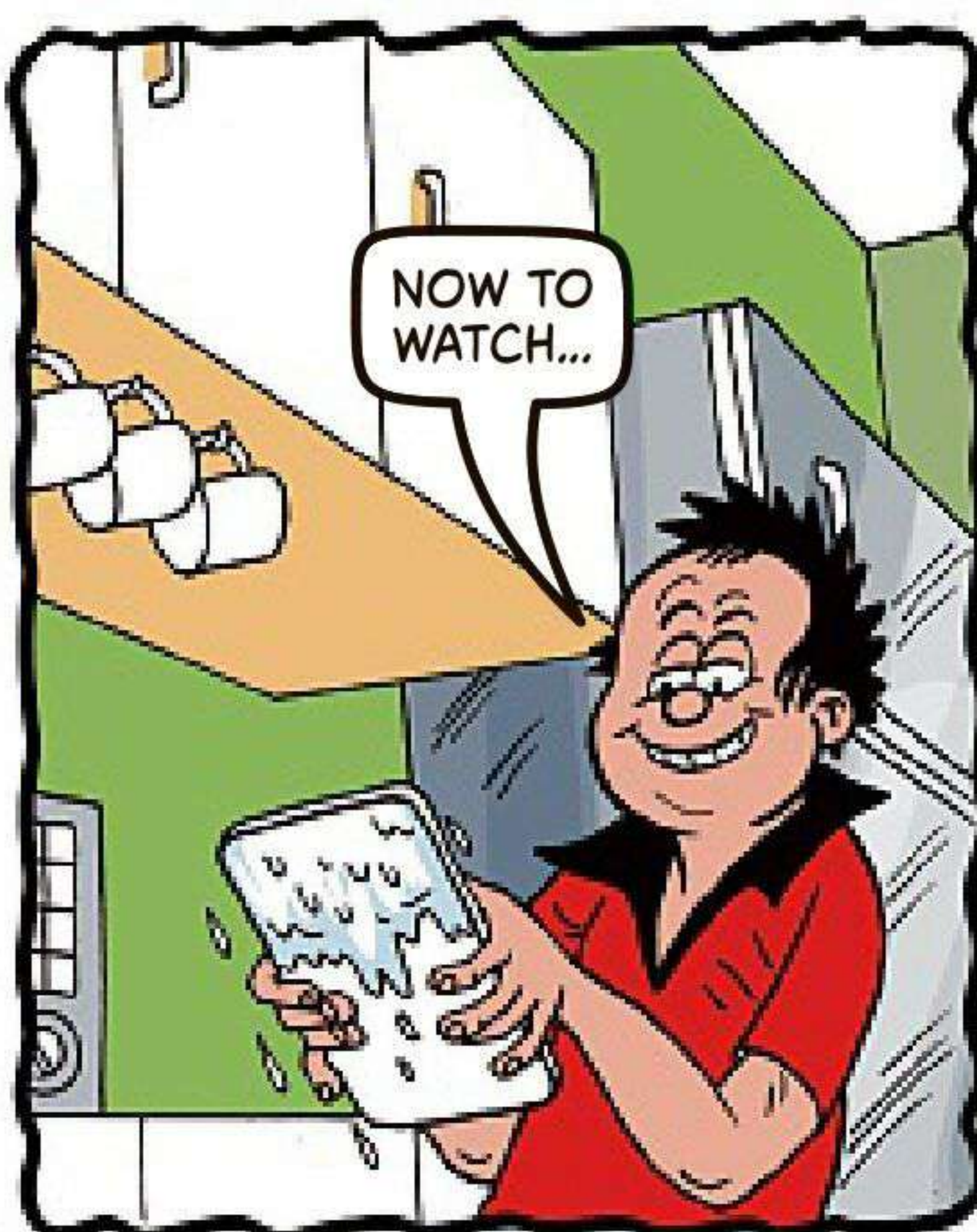


# DENNIS & GNASHER UNLEASHED

AS SEEN  
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What is a ghost's favourite TV show? **Horror-nation Street!**



**WIN!**



Meet the world's clumsiest boy - Lucky Bob! Five readers will win a **Lucky Bob Gift Pack**, **Twin Pack** and **Single Pack** to unbox! Blow into the tube and squeeze the box to pop out your surprise figure and accessory then recreate all his funniest moments!

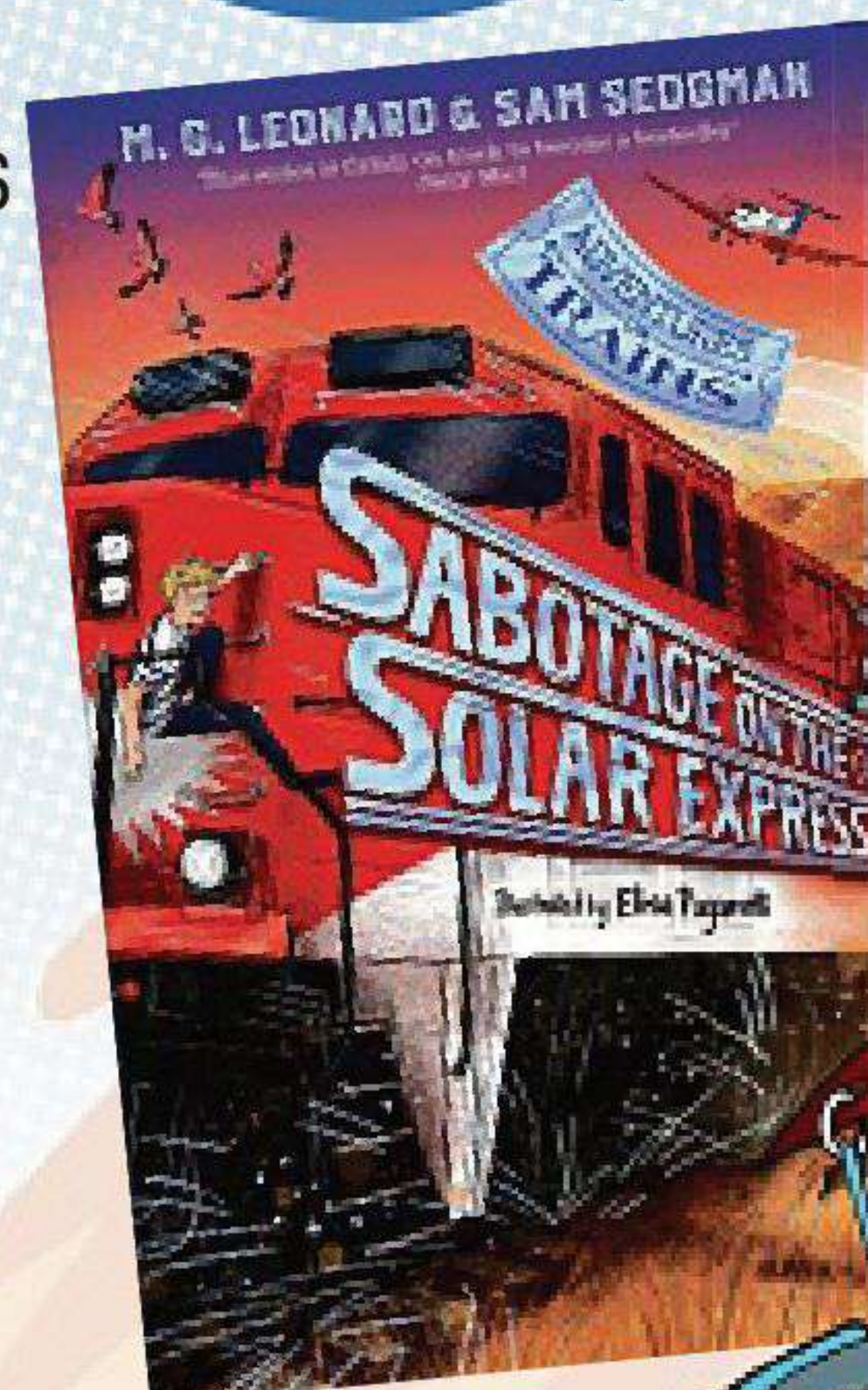
To have a chance of winning, just answer this question:

**WHICH NUMBER DO PEOPLE THINK IS UNLUCKY?**  
A 13 B 16 C 19

**WIN!**



Ride into danger with the awesome new Adventures on Trains mystery, **Sabotage on the Solar Express!** It's an action-packed Australian Outback adventure that'll have you on the edge of your seat! One winner will win all five Adventures on Trains books by M.G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman and a **Kindle!**



To have a chance of winning, just answer this question:

**WHAT IS THE CAPITAL OF AUSTRALIA?**  
A PERTH B CANBERRA C SYDNEY

**WIN!**  
**ALL THIS...**



**WIN!**



To celebrate Hexbug's 15th birthday, we're giving away all these epic sets to six winners! They'll get a **Hexbug Nano Flash Nanoplex**, four **Glow-in-the-Dark Single Packs**, a **Flash Orbit Set** and a **Nano Five Pack!**



To have a chance of winning, just answer this question:

**WHICH OF THESE ISN'T THE NAME OF A BUG?**

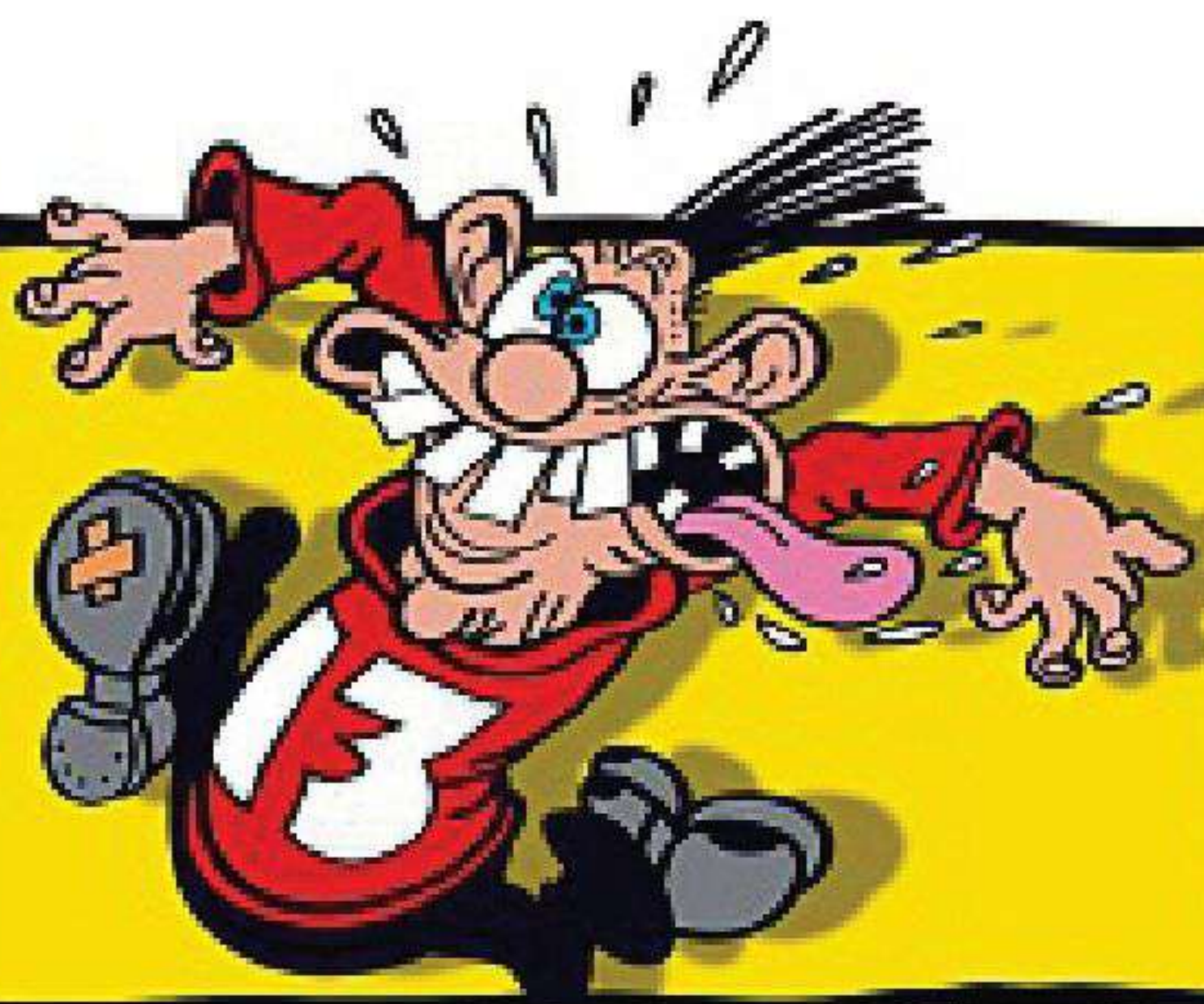
A STINK BUG  
B DOODLEBUG  
C BOGEY BUG

**HOW TO ENTER!**

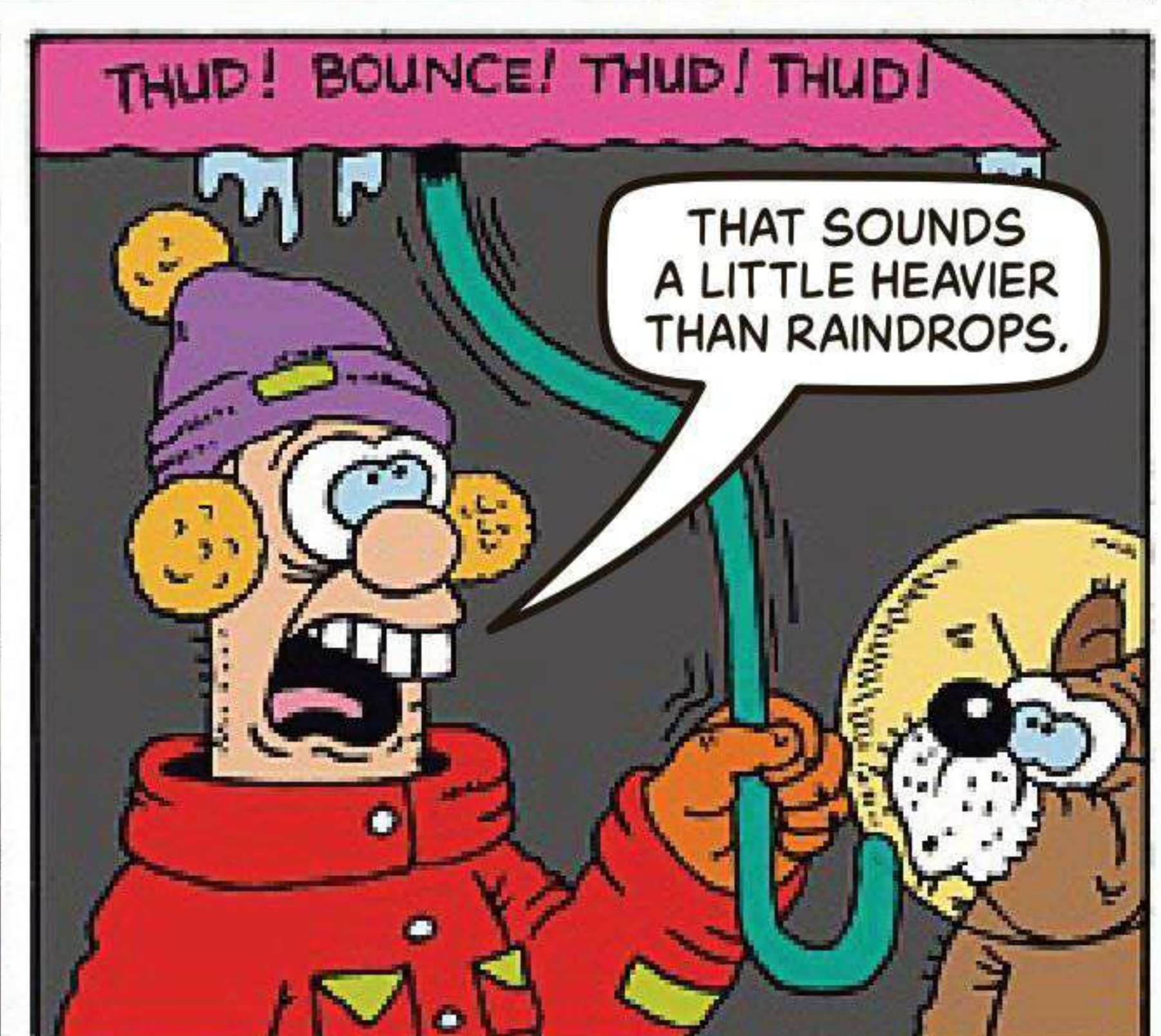
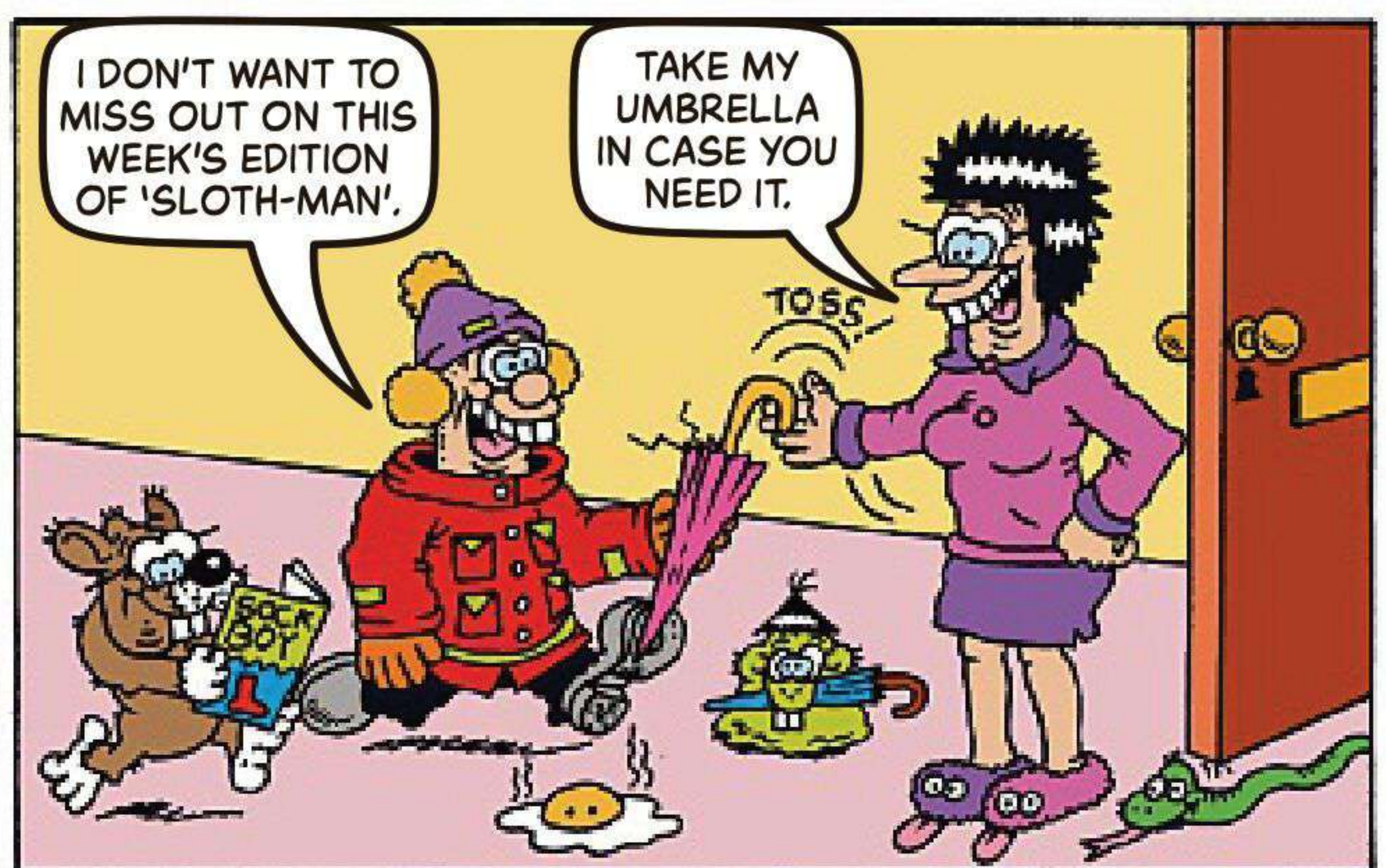
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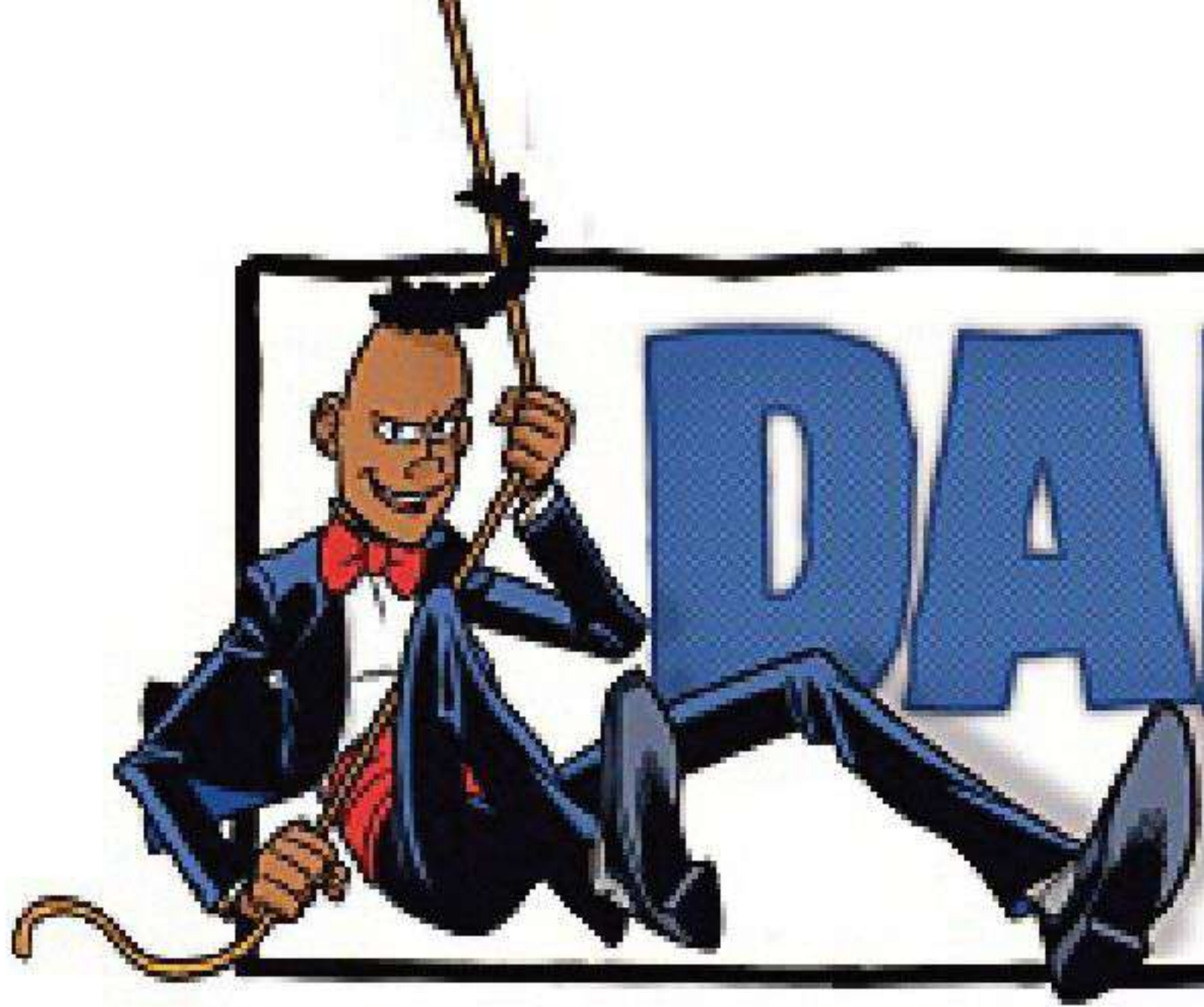
# CALAMITY JAMES



## THE UNLUCKIEST BOY IN THE WORLD!

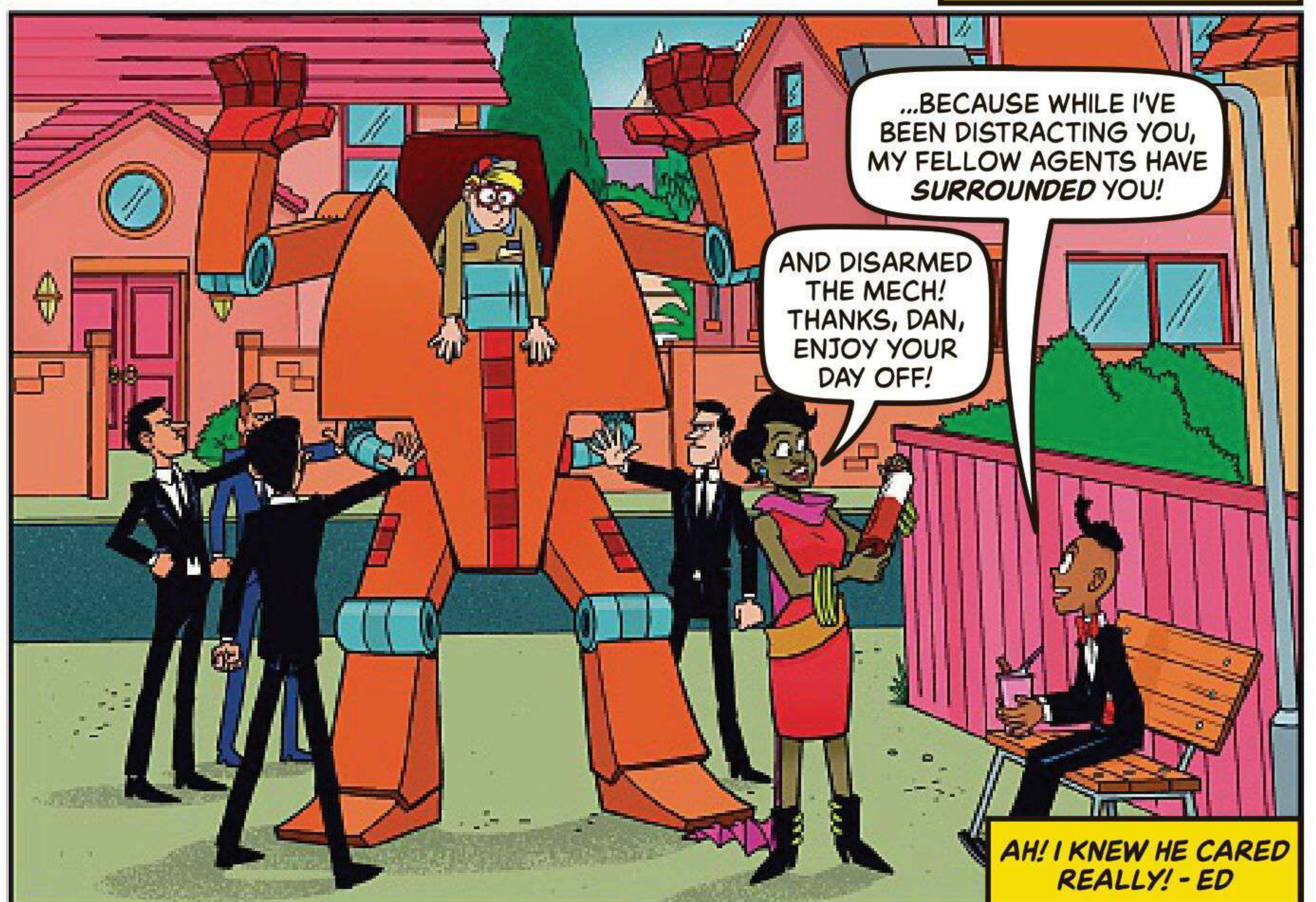
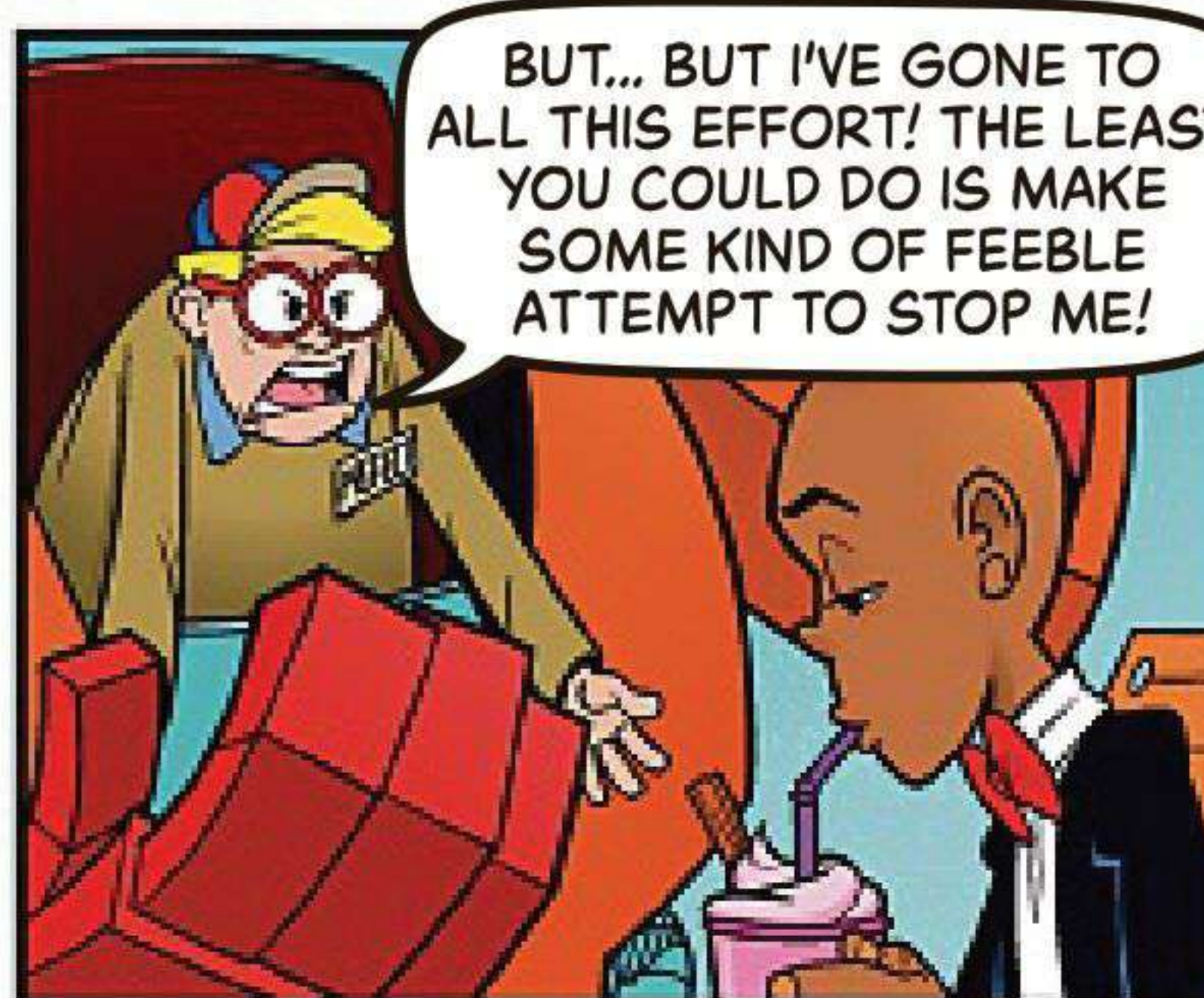
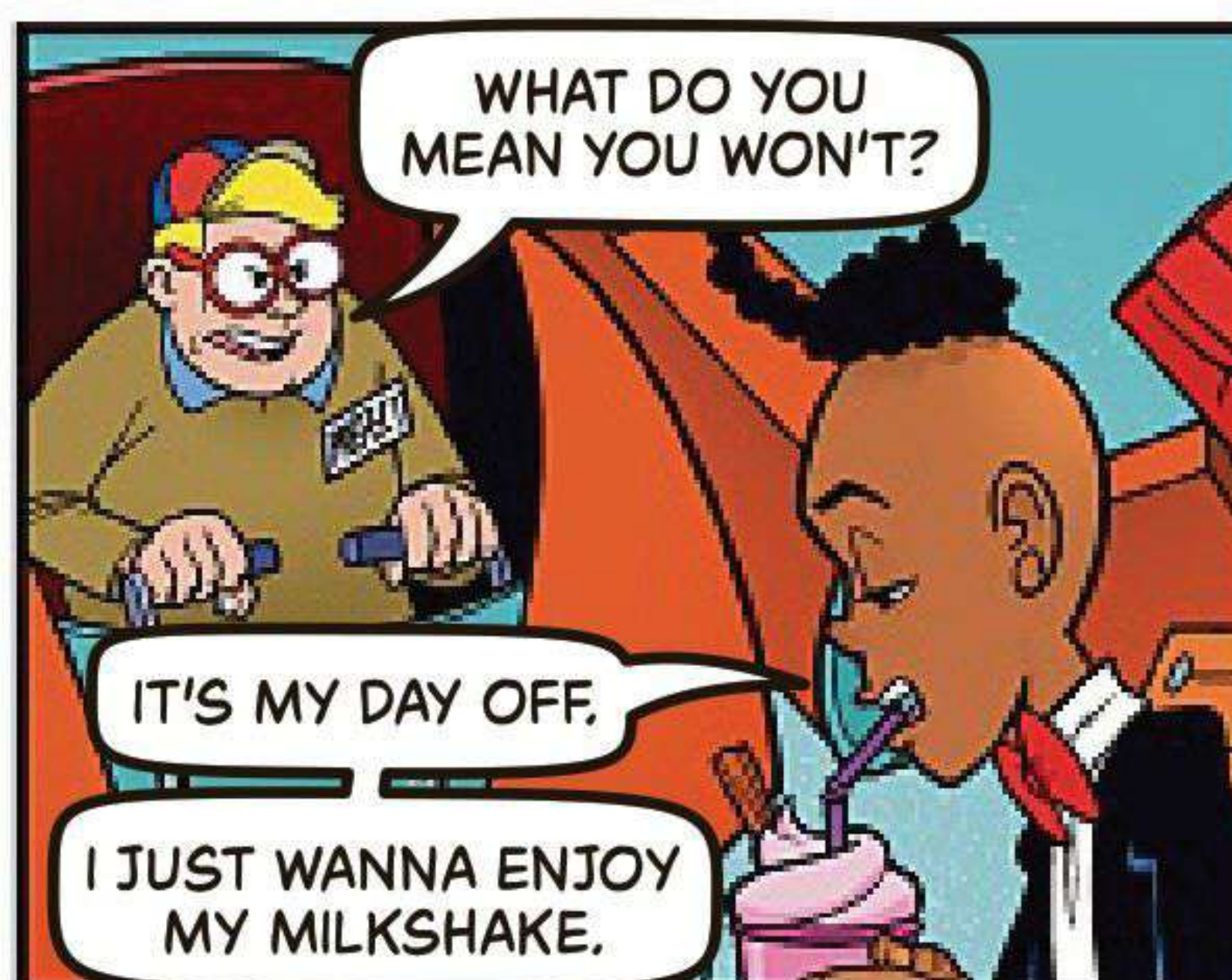
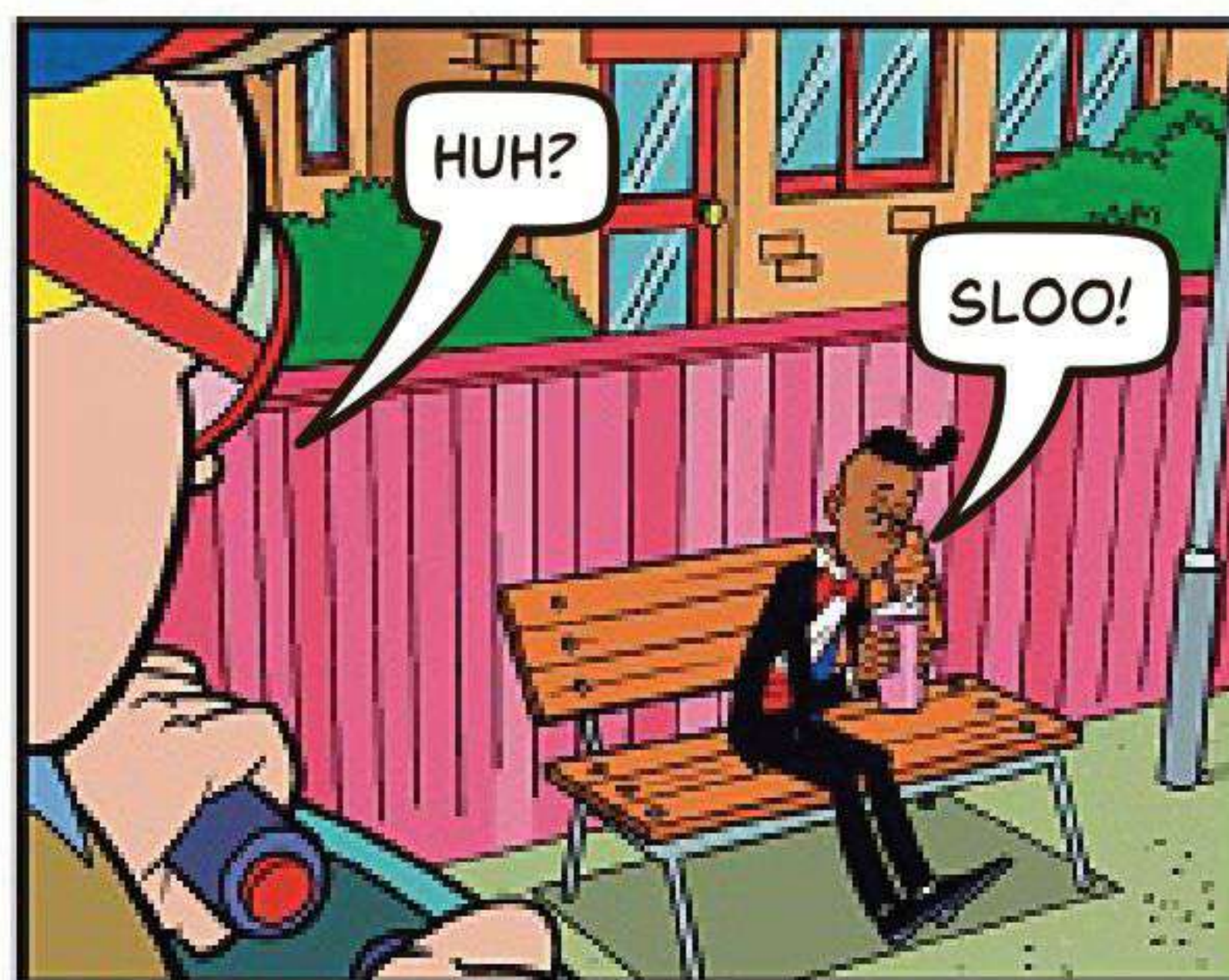




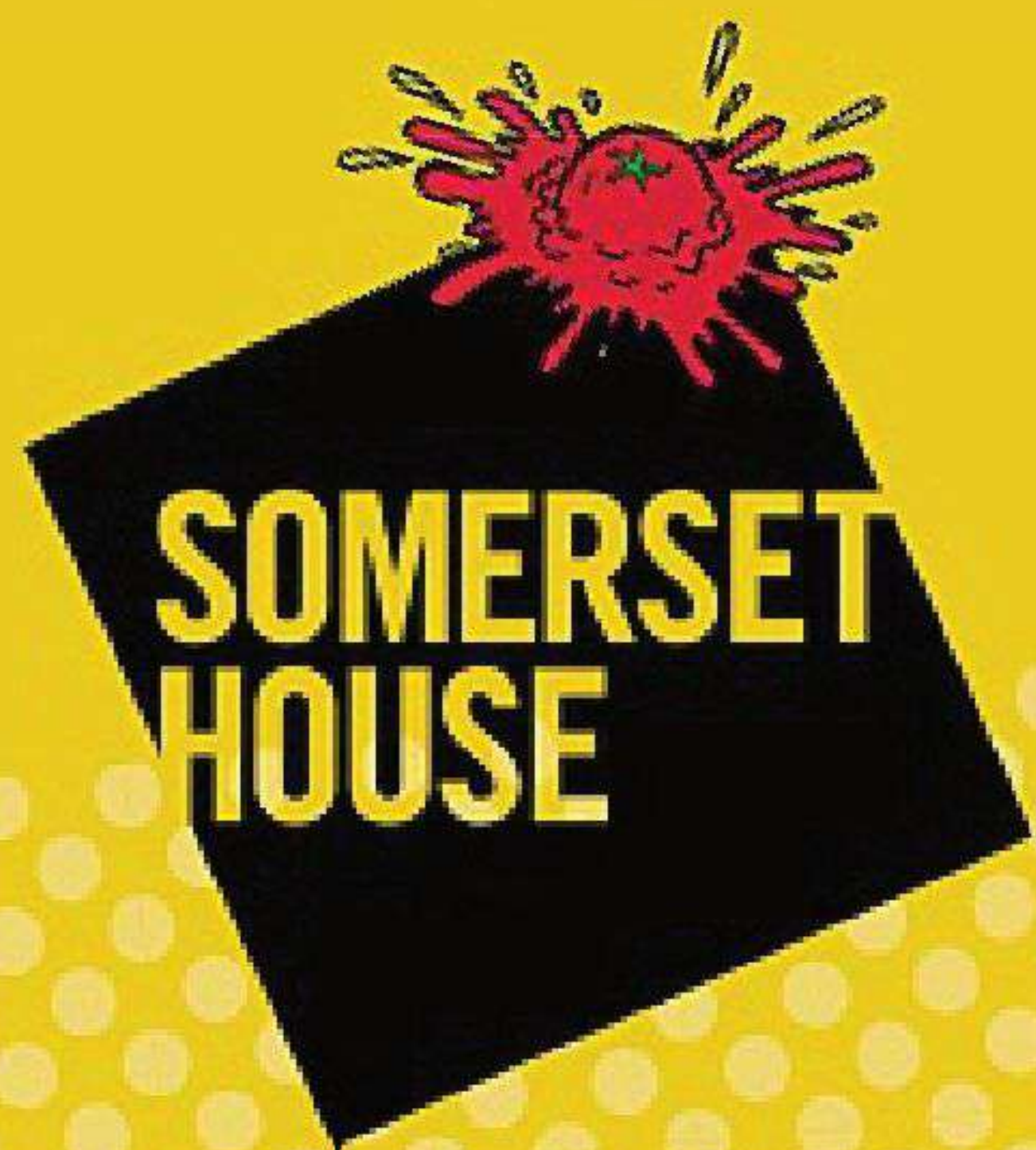


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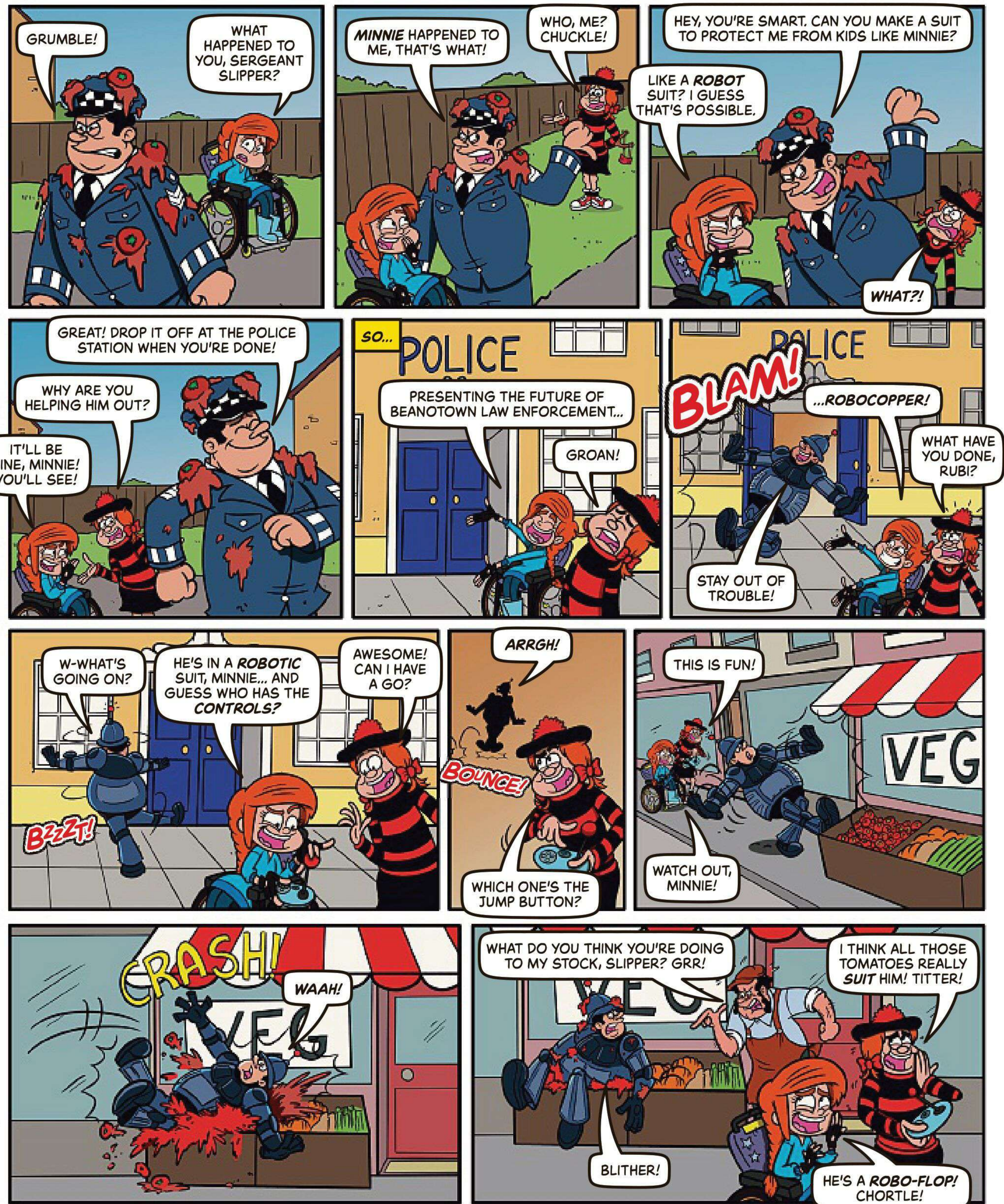
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# RUBI'S SCREWTOP SCIENCE



WORDS: Andy Fanton ART: Rianne Rowlands



What's Dracula's favourite dance? The fang-dango!



# A BUNCH OF TROUBLE!

Can you find all the other fruit and veg Sergeant Slipper destroyed in the wordsearch?

TICK 'EM OFF AS YOU FIND THEM!

COURGETTE ☐

CABBAGE ☐

ONION ☐

TOMATO ☐

APPLE ☐

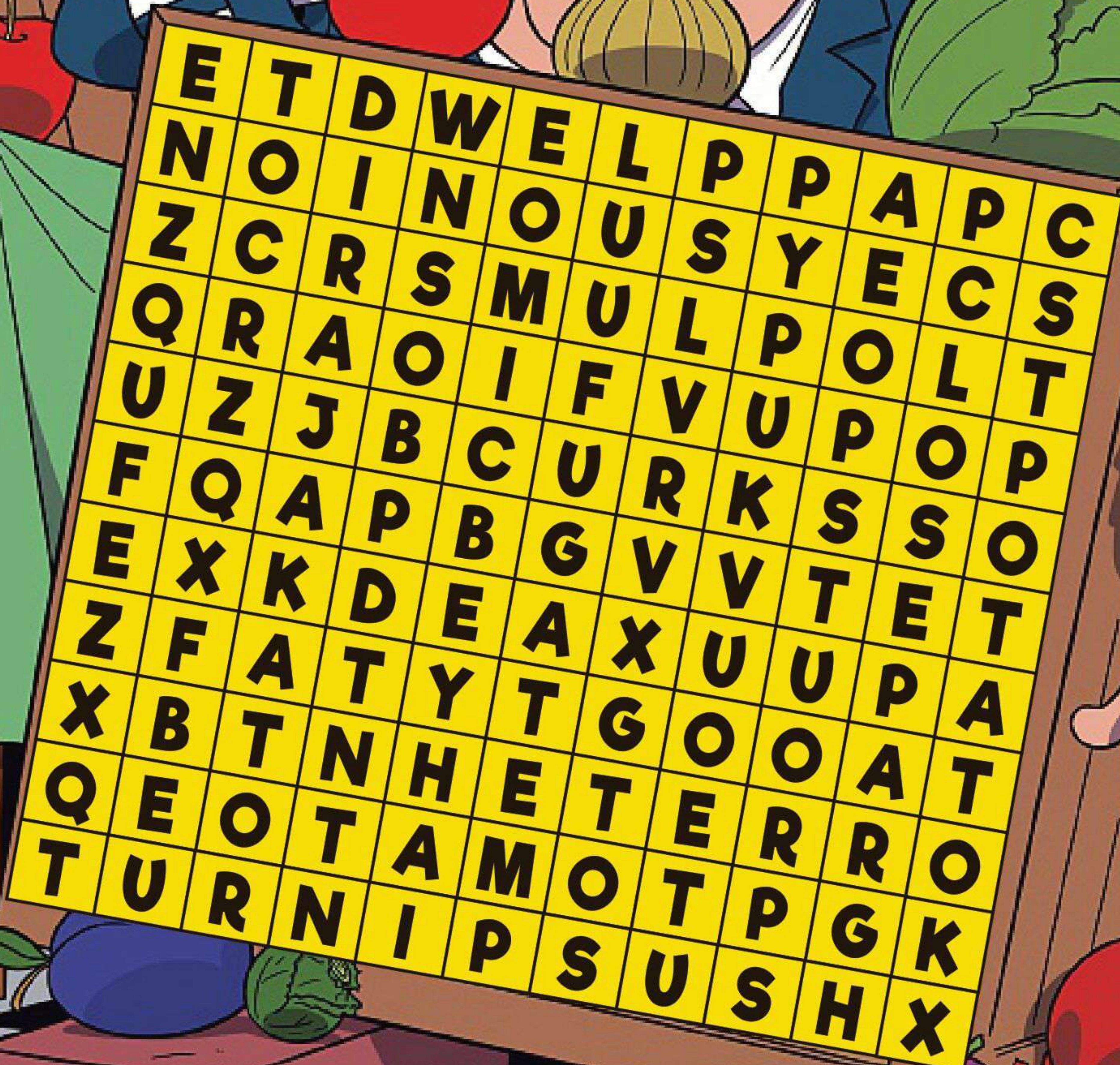
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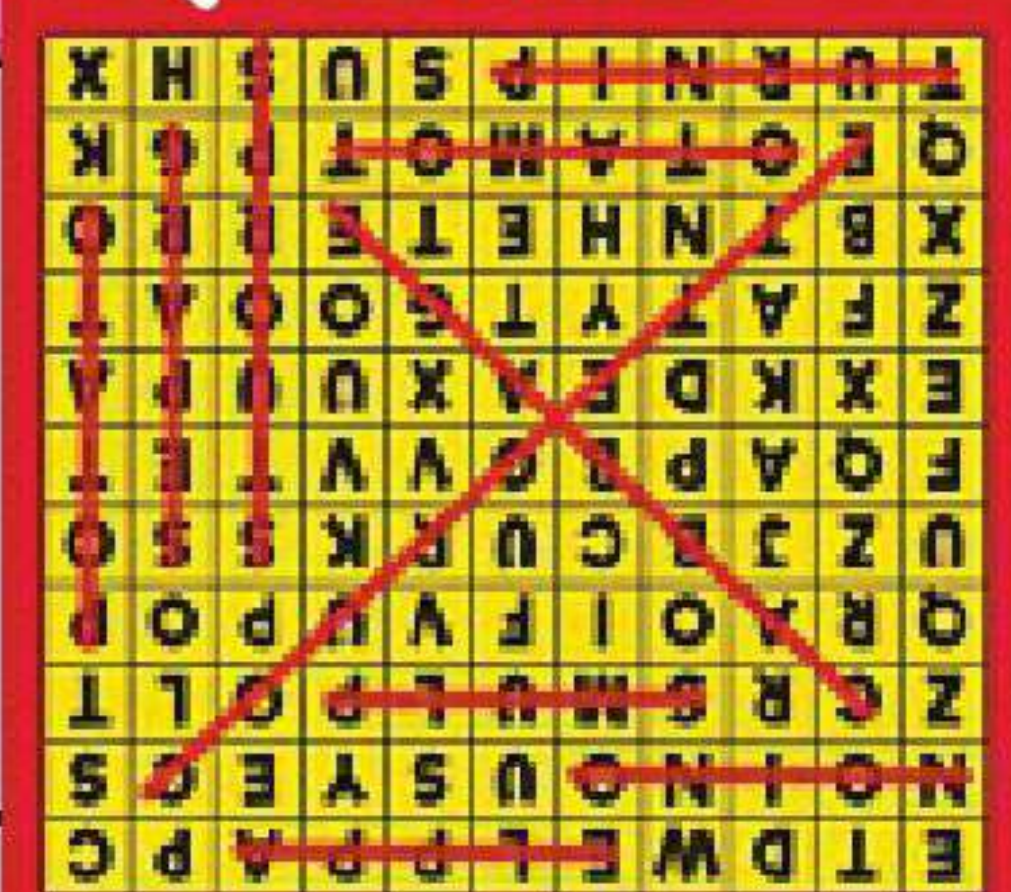
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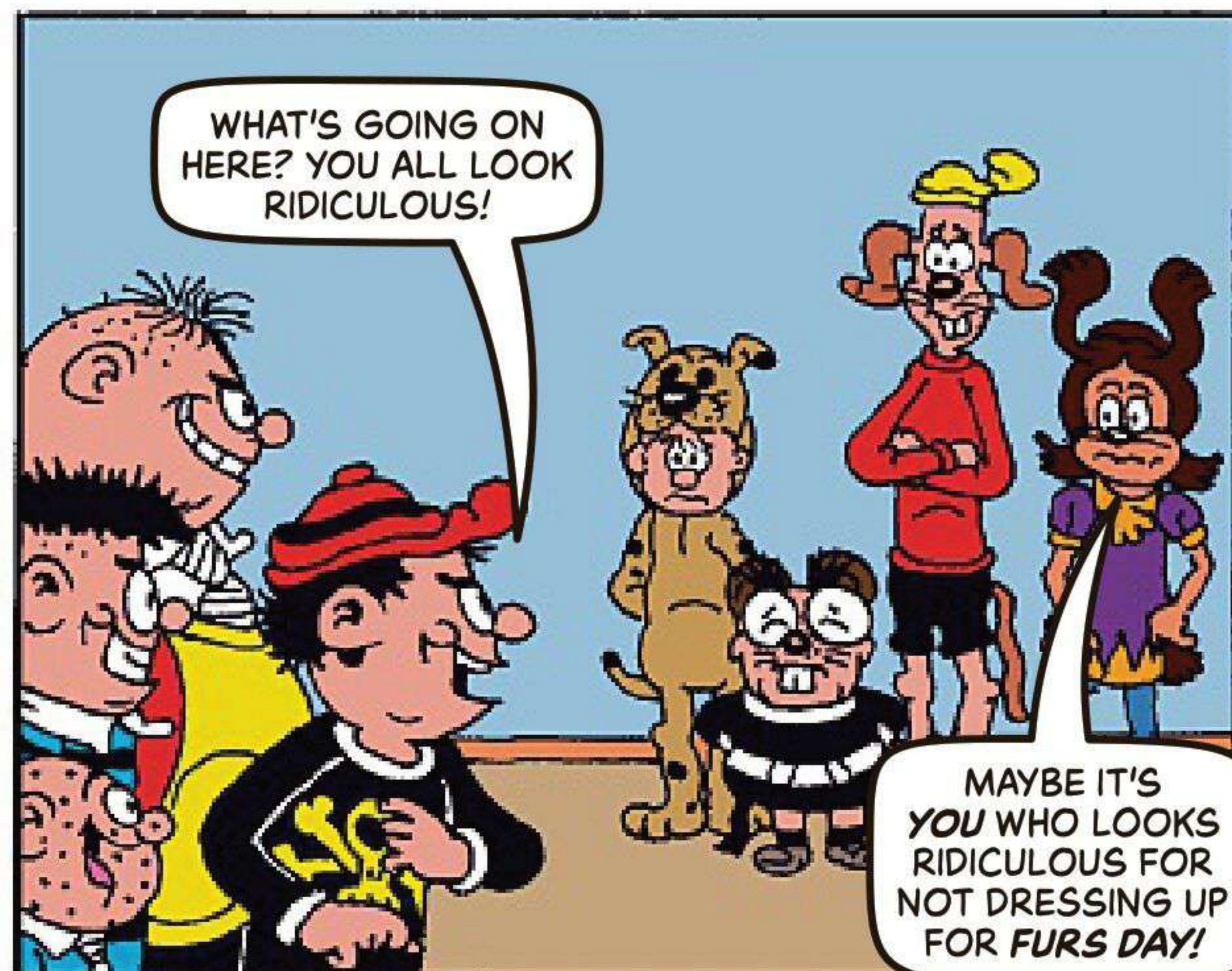
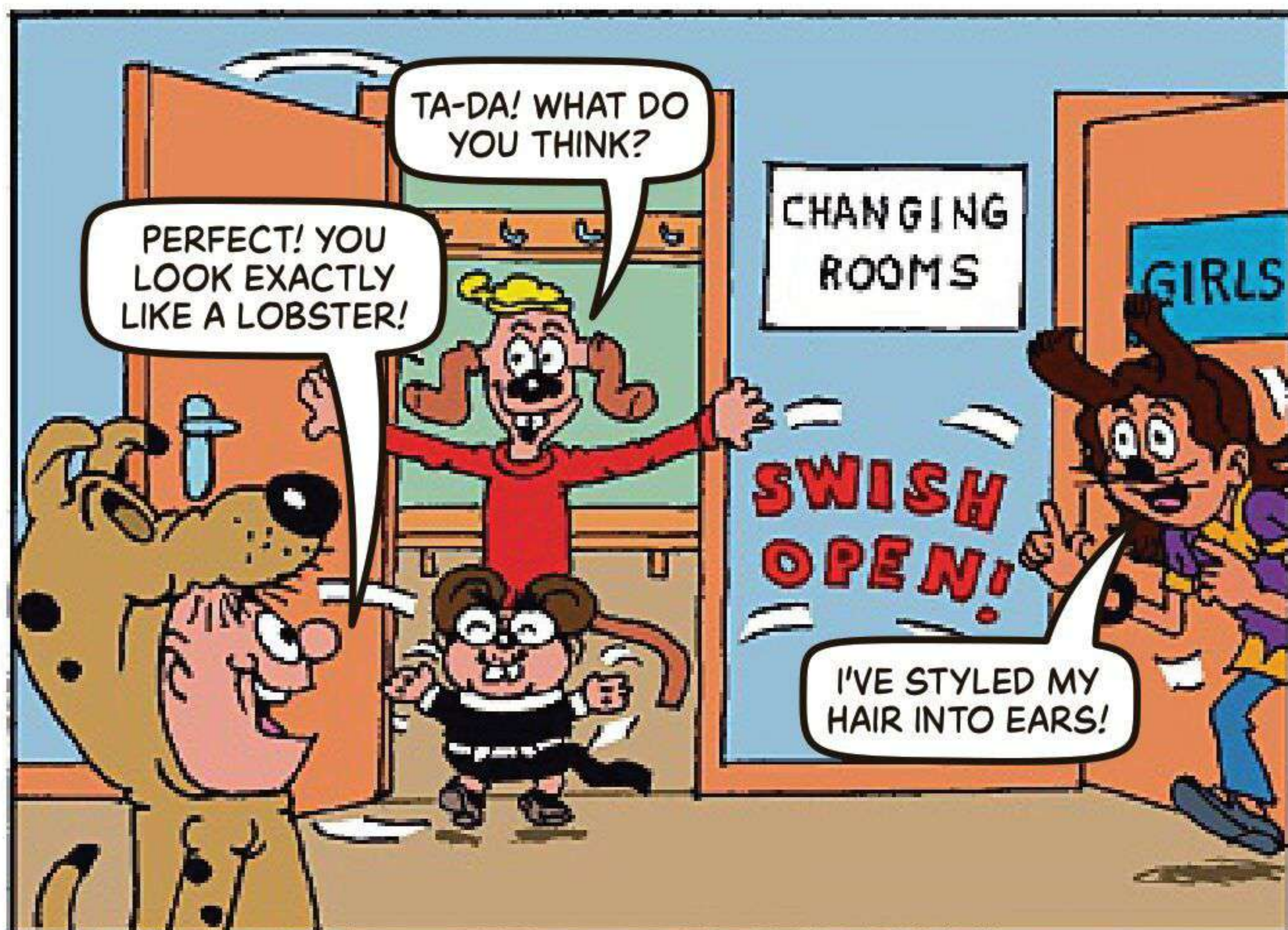
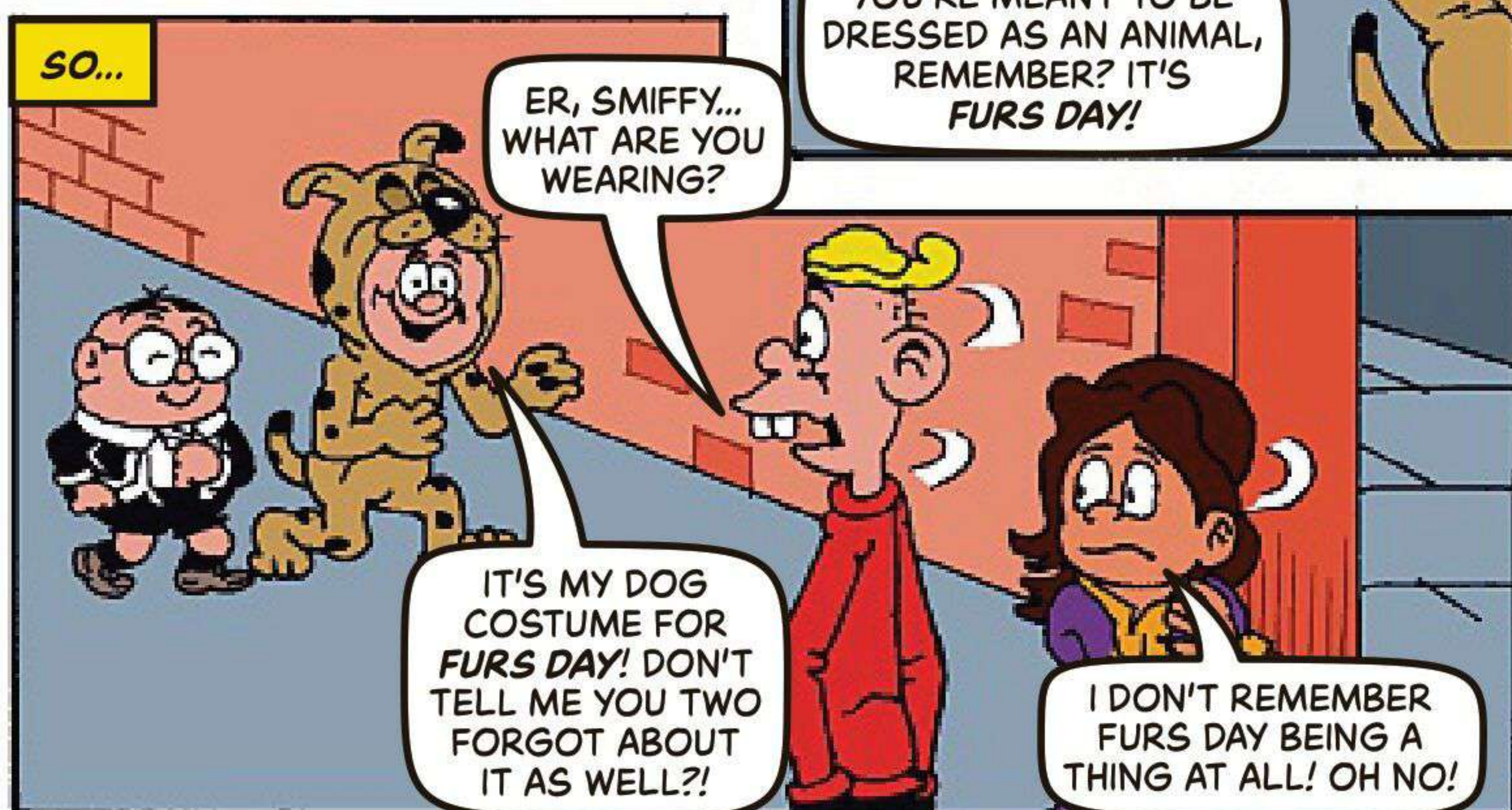
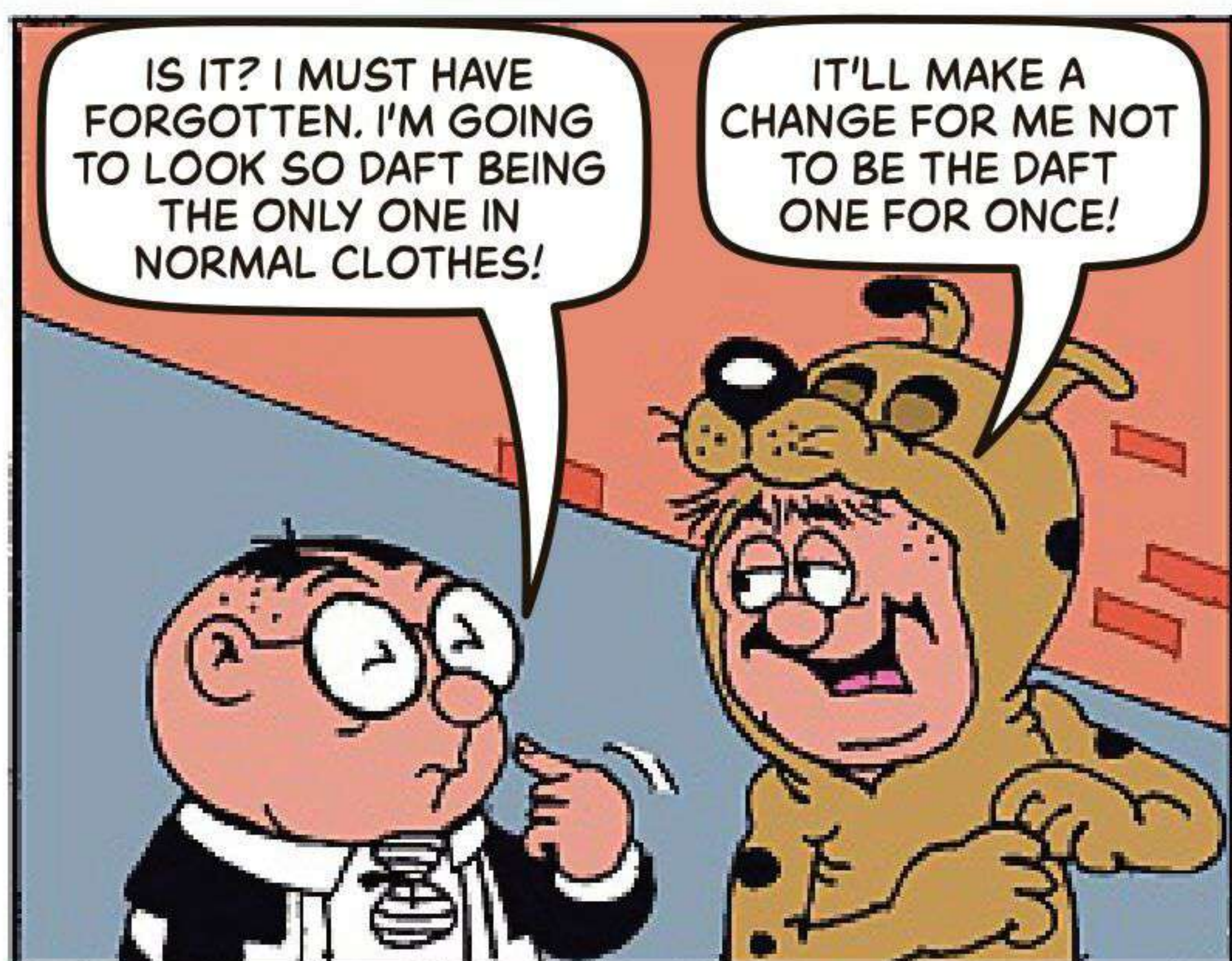
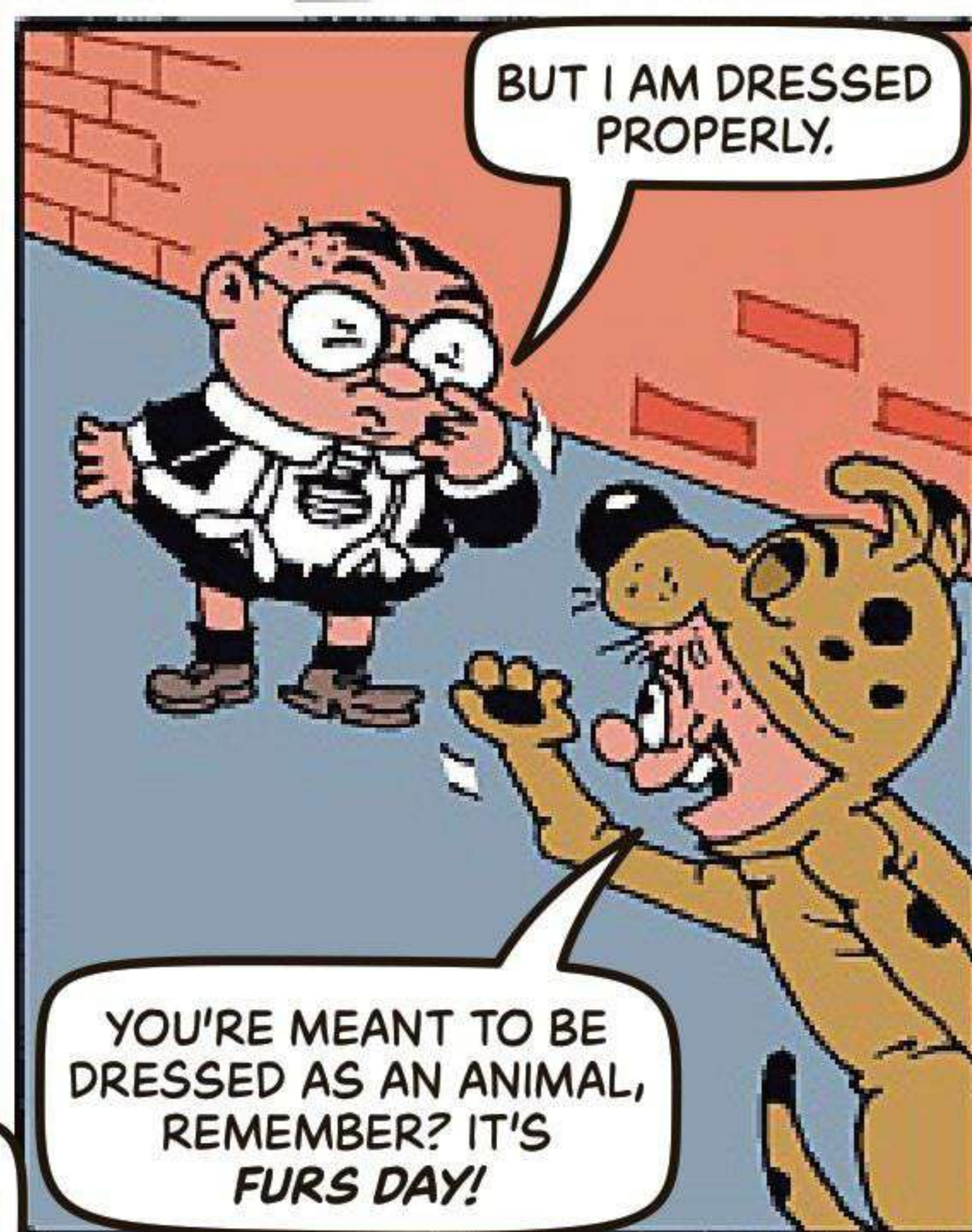
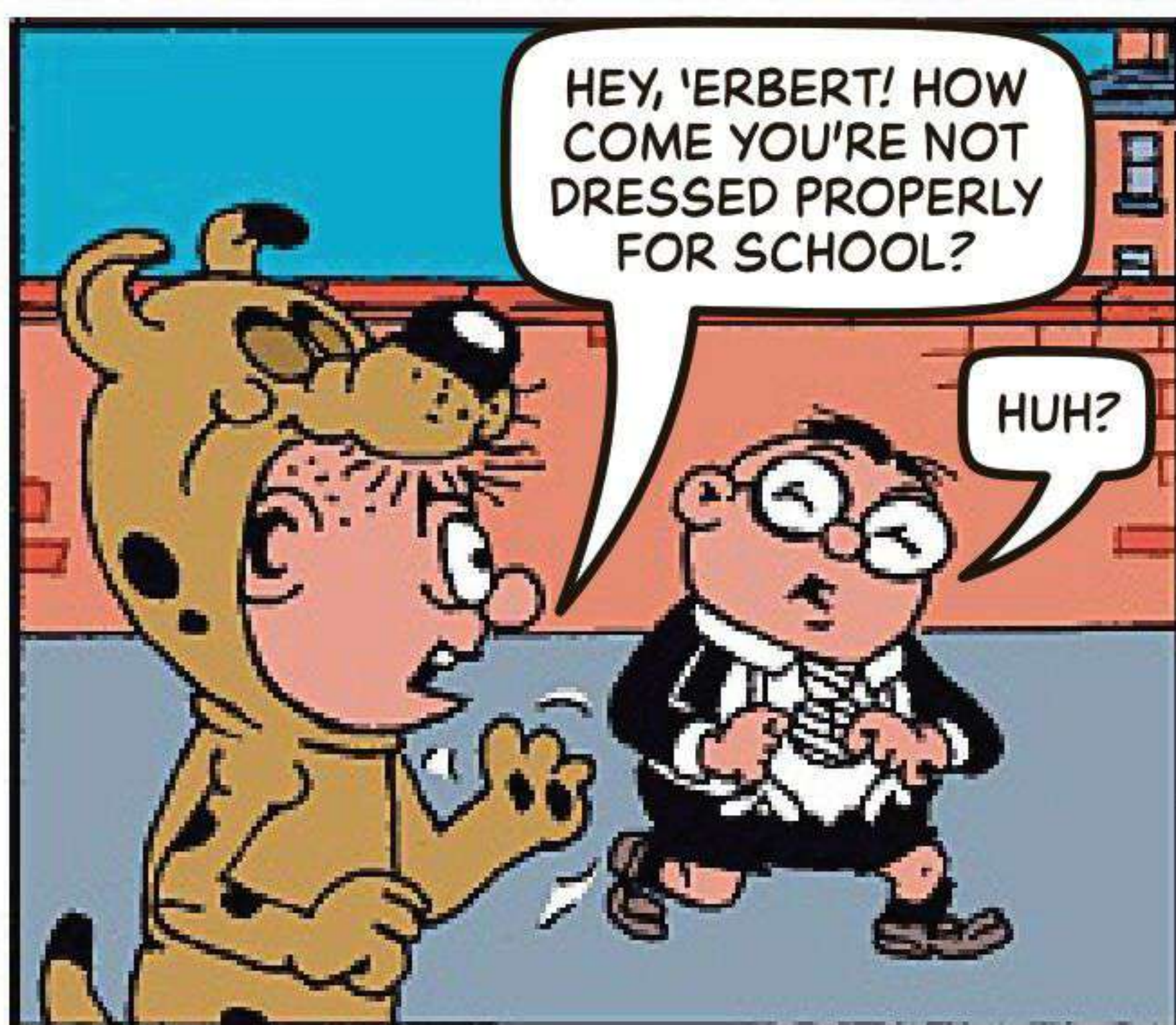
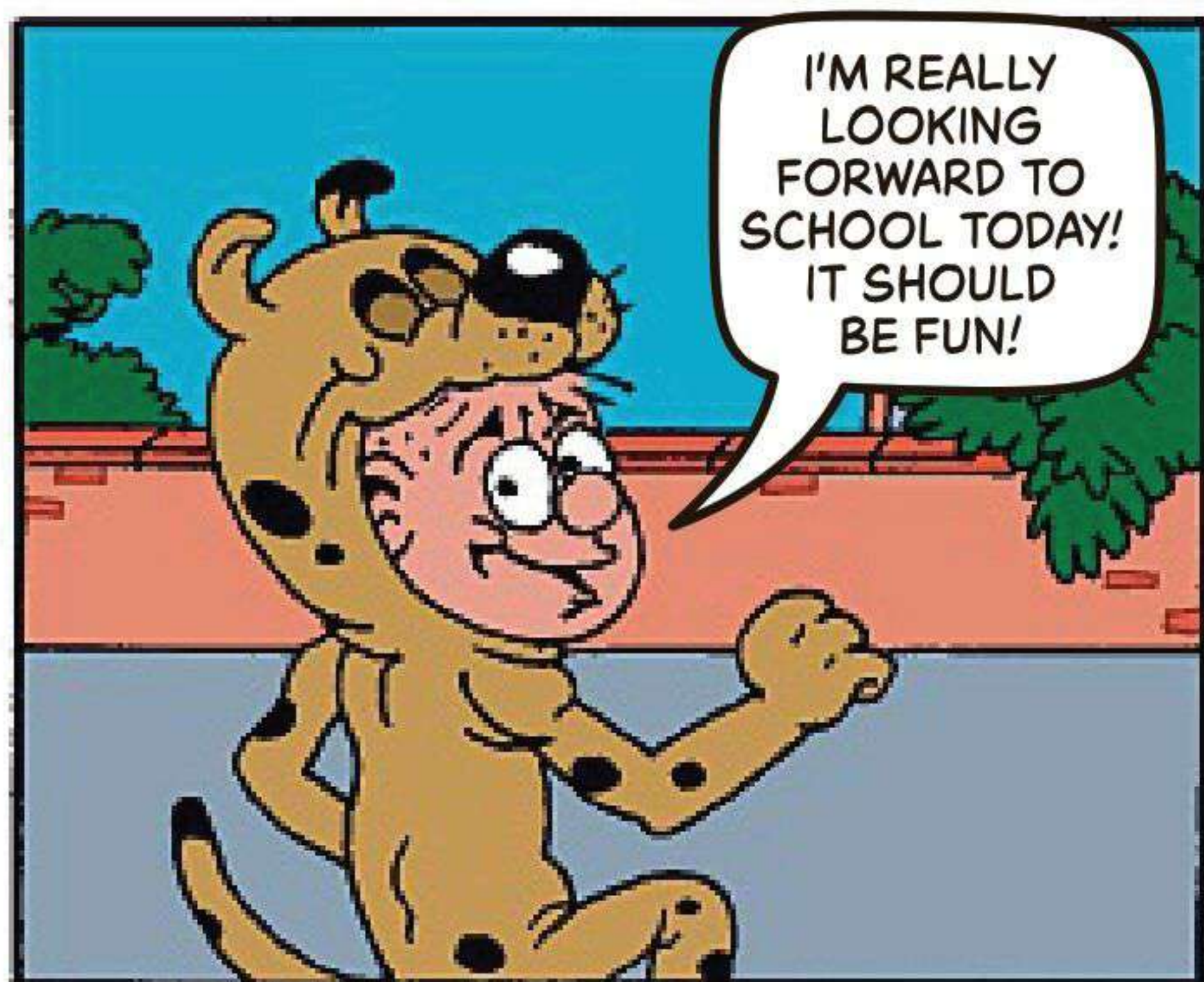


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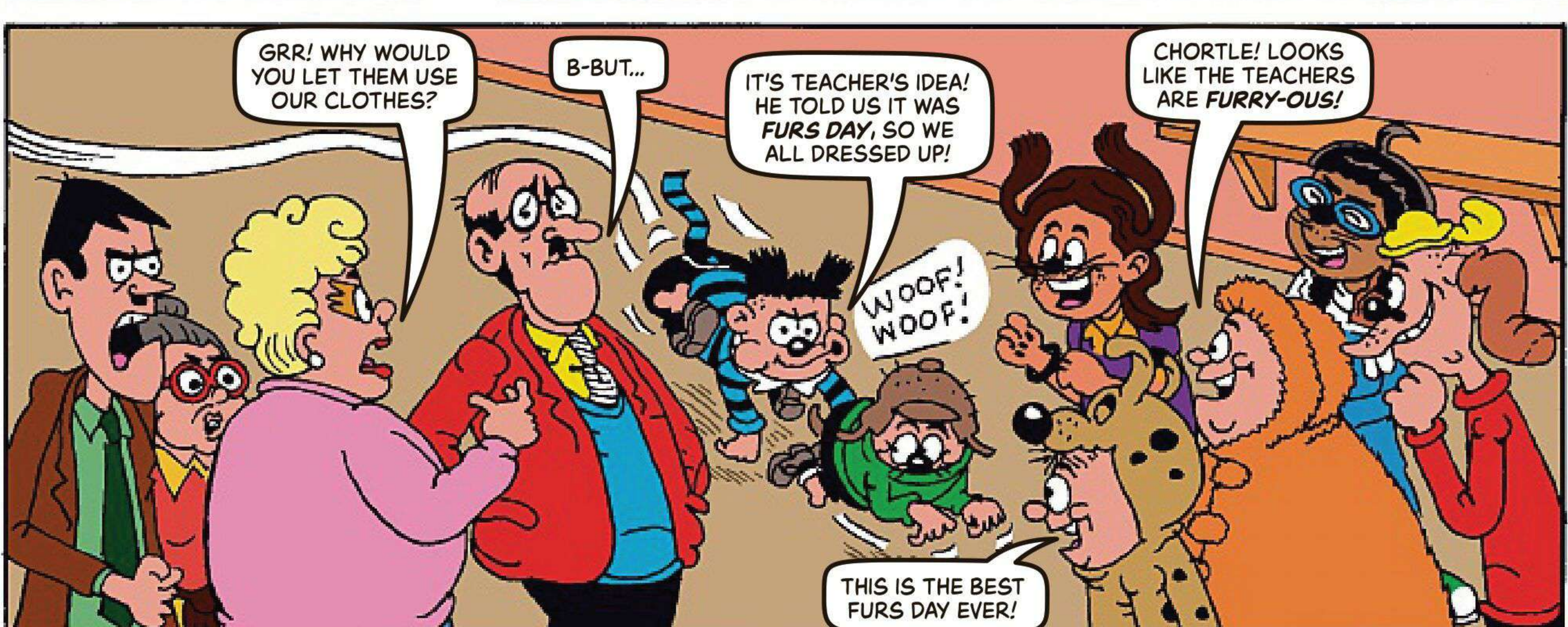
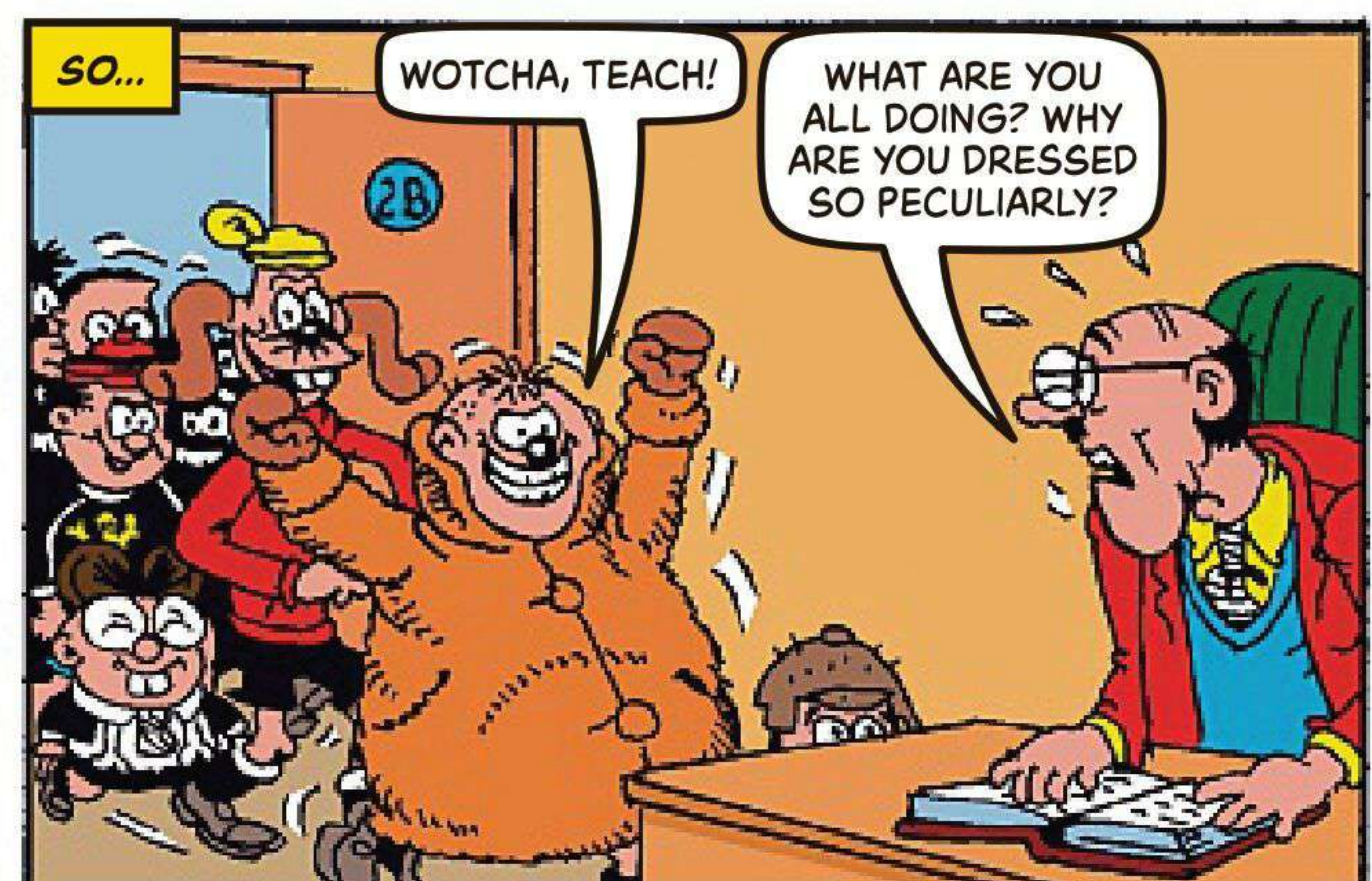
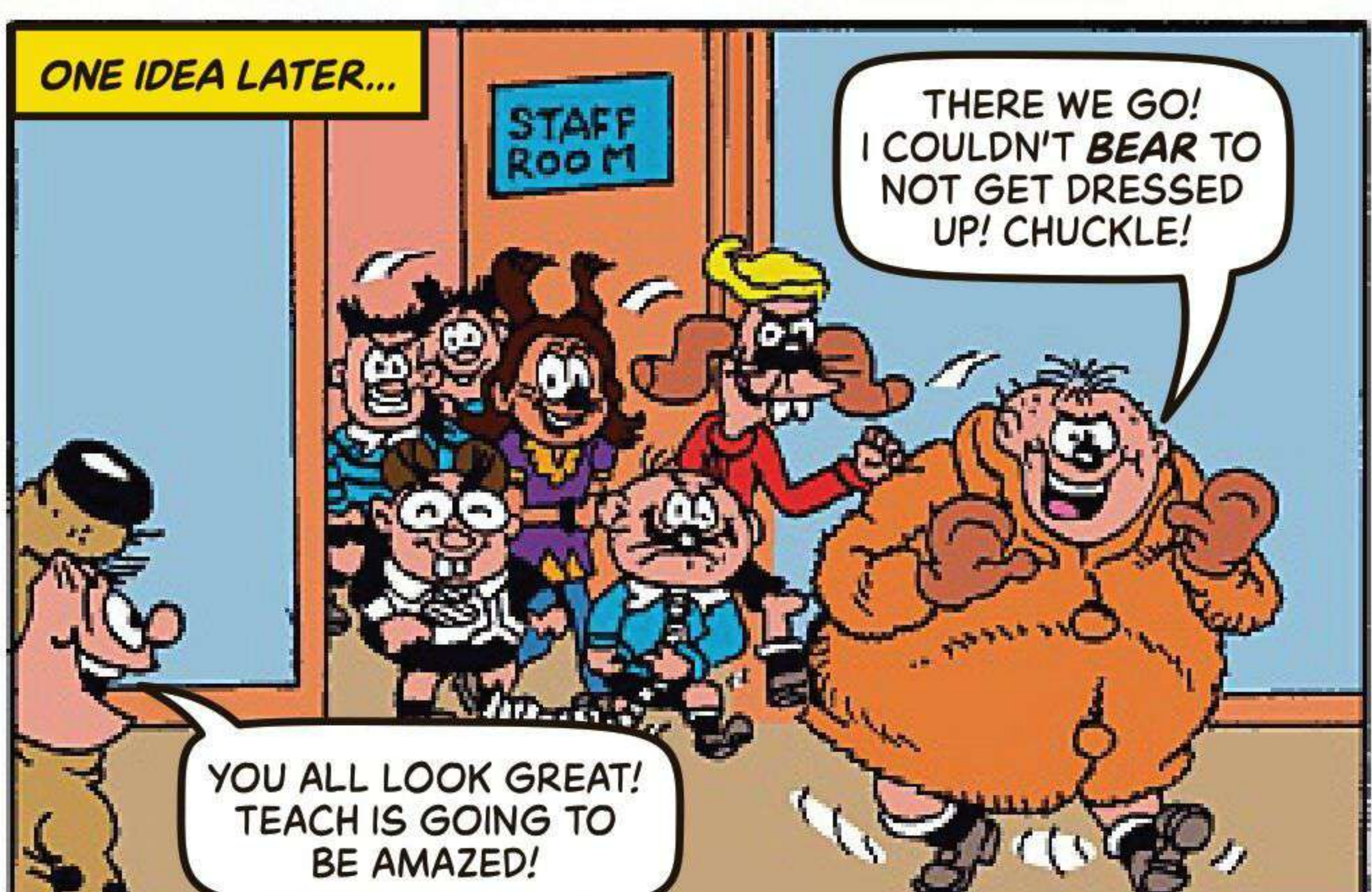
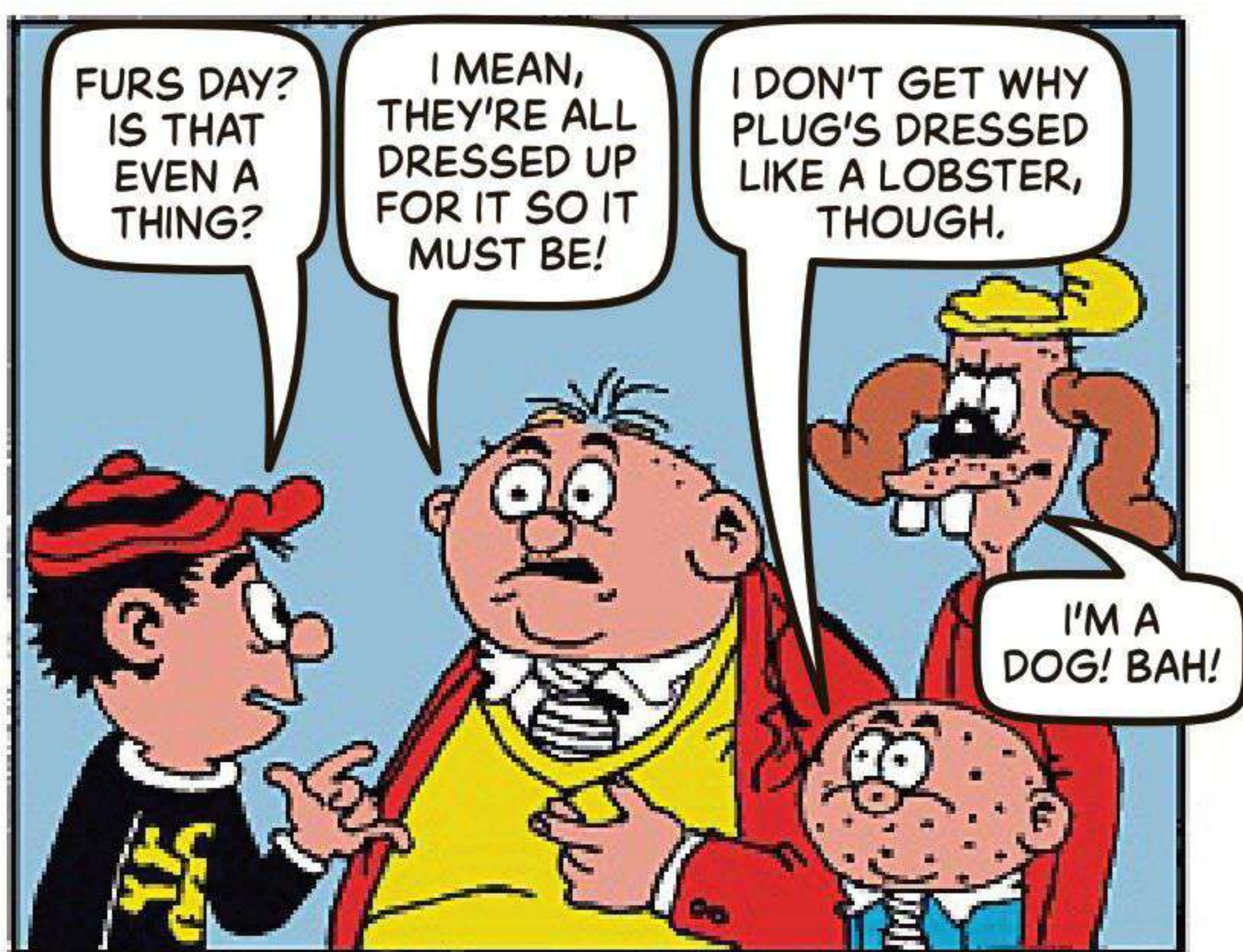




# THE BASH STREET KIDS







What's the best thing about deadly snakes? They've got poison-ality!



# FURRY FUNNY JOKES!

These jokes are  
otterly hilarious!

WHERE DO  
MICE PARK  
THEIR BOATS?  
**AT THE  
HICKORY  
DICKORY  
DOCK!**

WHY DID THE SQUIRREL  
NOT MANAGE TO EAT  
A MACADAMIA?  
**IT WAS A TOUGH  
NUT TO CRACK!**

WHAT MEDAL DID THE  
WEASEL HERO RECEIVE?  
**A BADGER OF HONOUR!**

WHAT DID THE  
JUDGE SAY  
WHEN THE  
SKUNK CAME  
INTO THEIR  
COURTROOM?  
**'ODOUR IN  
THE COURT!'**

WHAT KIND OF CAR DOES  
A RACCOON DRIVE?  
**A FUR-RARI!**

WHAT DID THE FOX USE  
TO SURF THE INTERNET?  
**FIRE-FOX!**

WHAT DO YOU  
CALL A DOG  
THAT CAN'T  
BARK?  
**A HUSH PUPPY!**

WHY DO BEARS  
HAVE A FUR COAT?  
**BECAUSE THEY  
WOULD LOOK  
SILLY IN A  
JUMPER!**

HOW DOES  
A CAT KNOW  
TOMORROW'S  
WEATHER?  
**THEY LOOK  
AT THE  
FUR-CAST!**

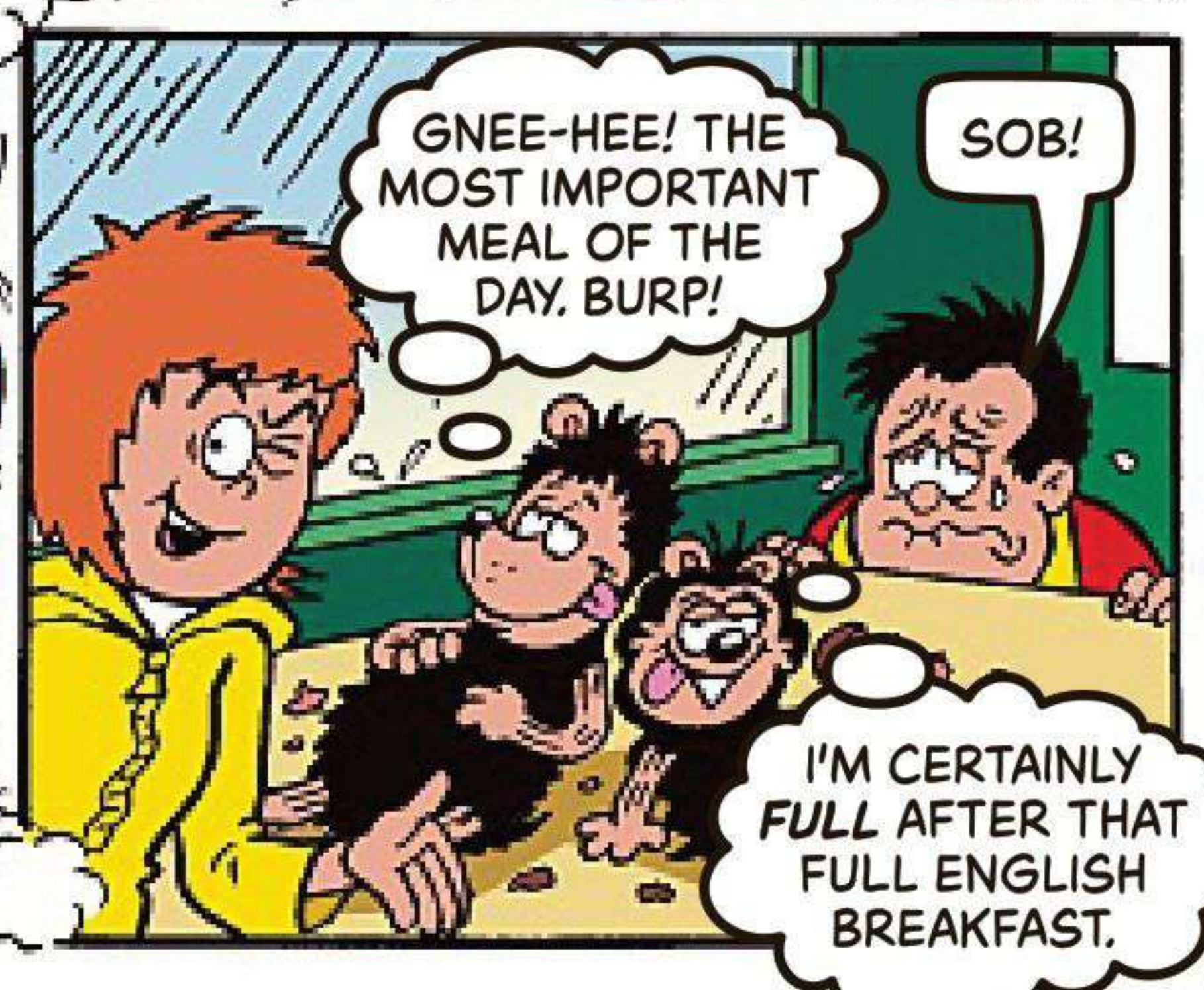
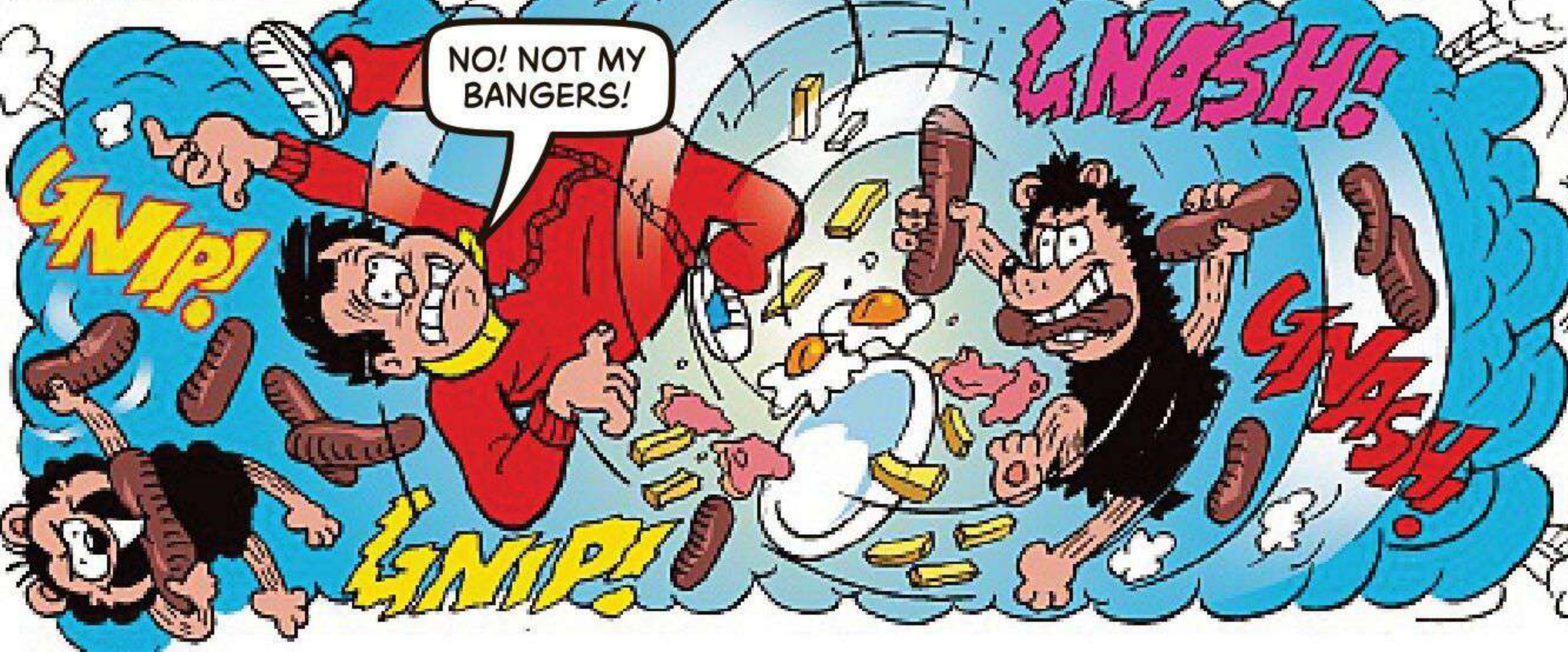
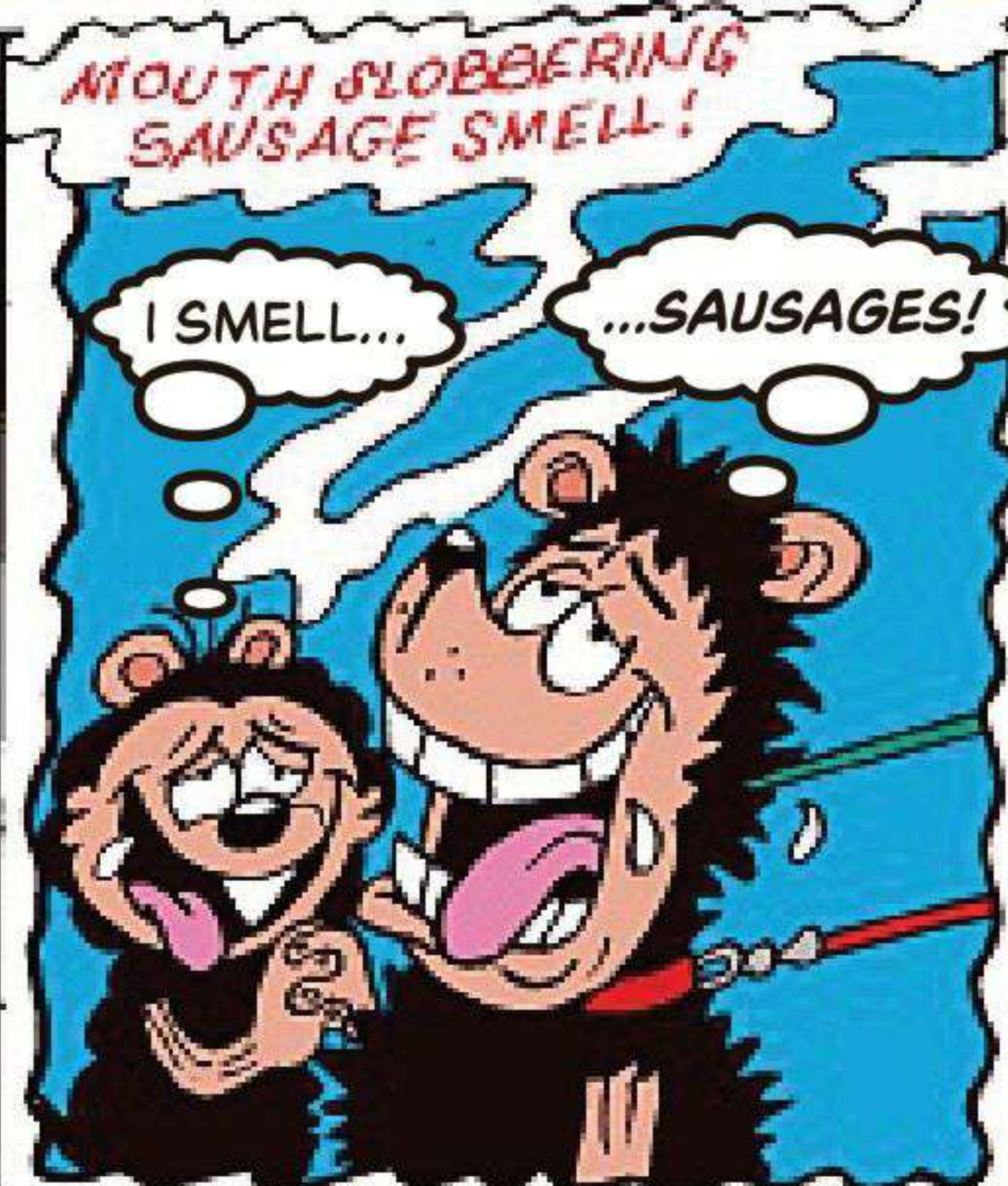
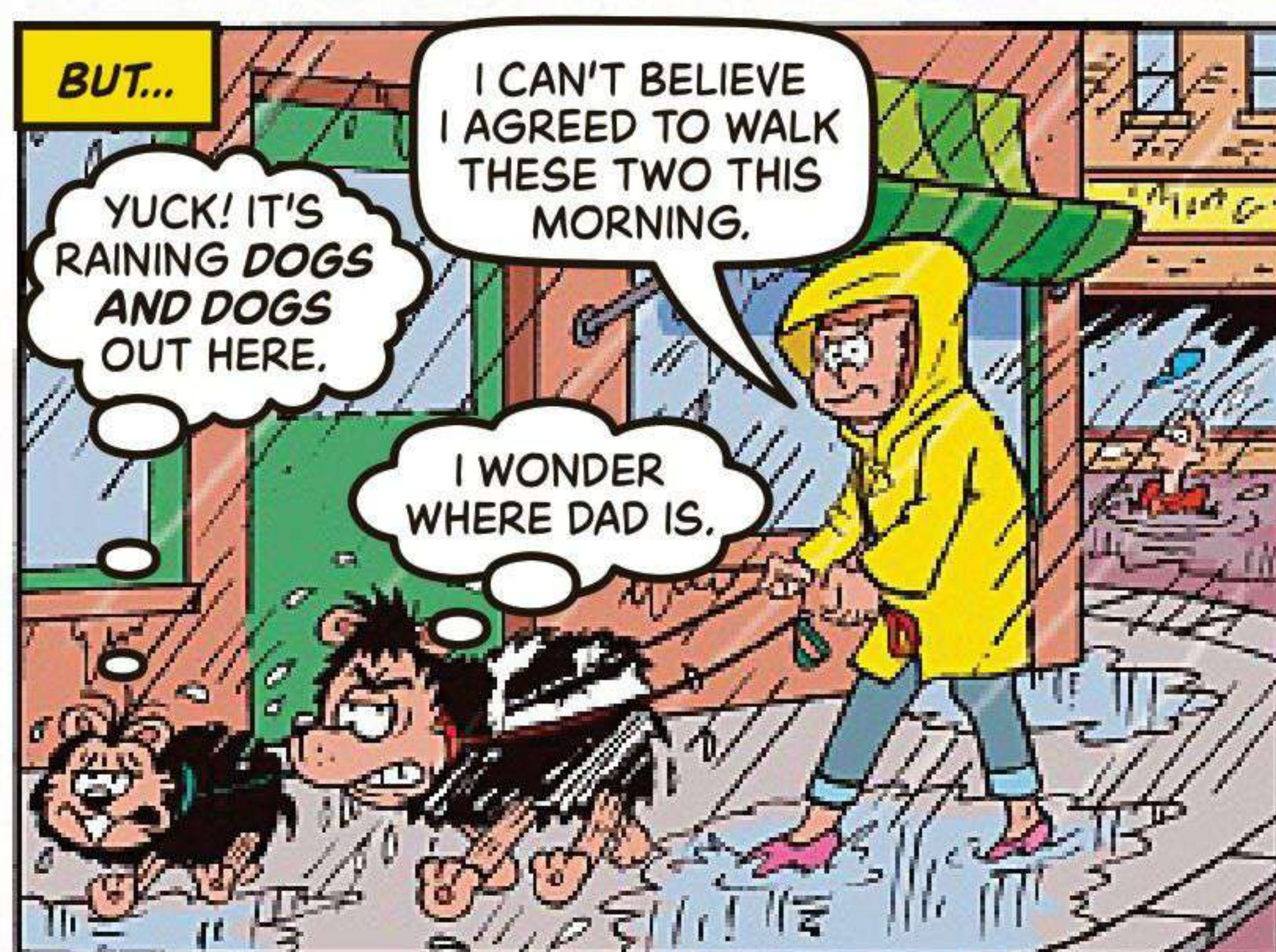
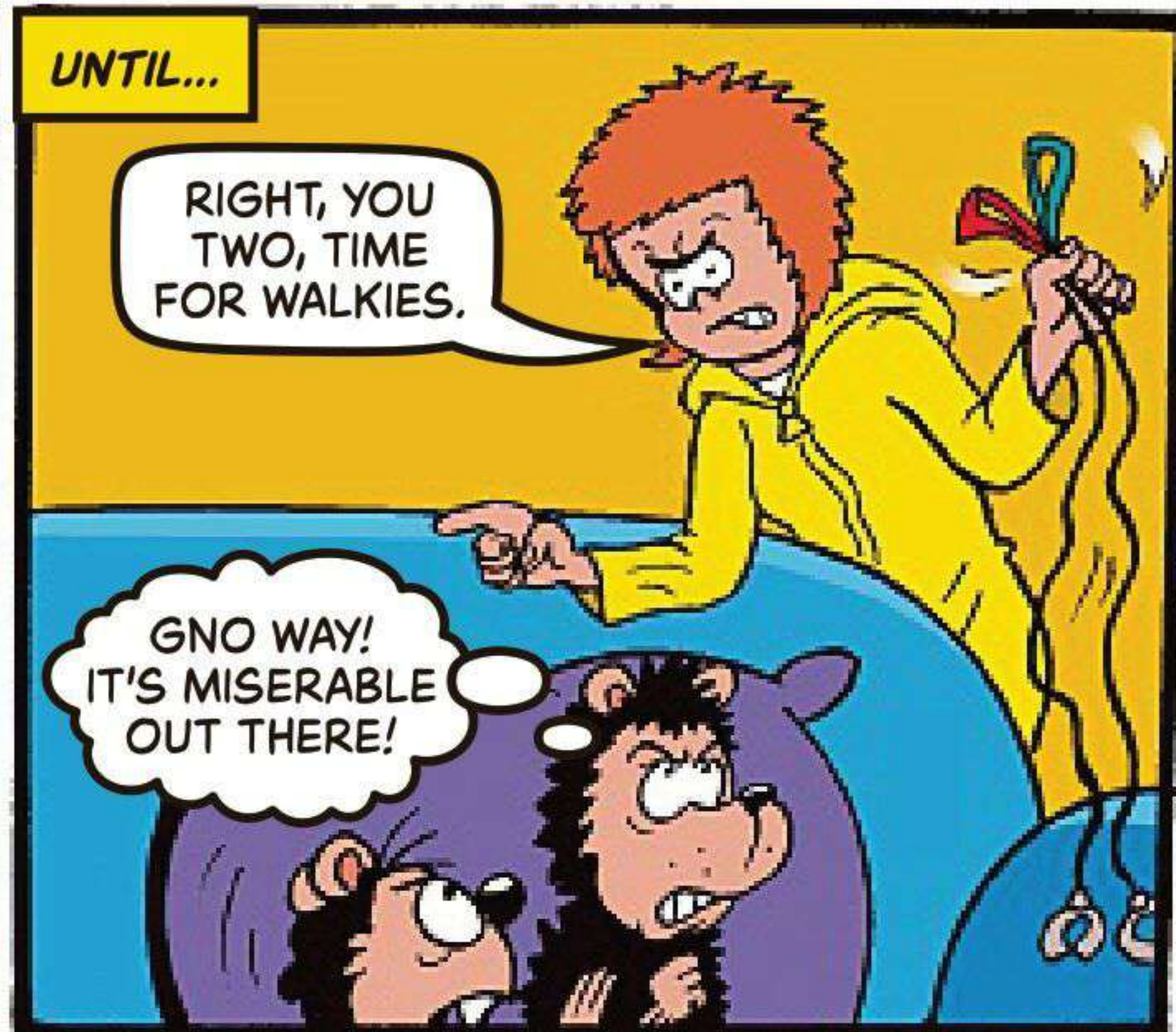
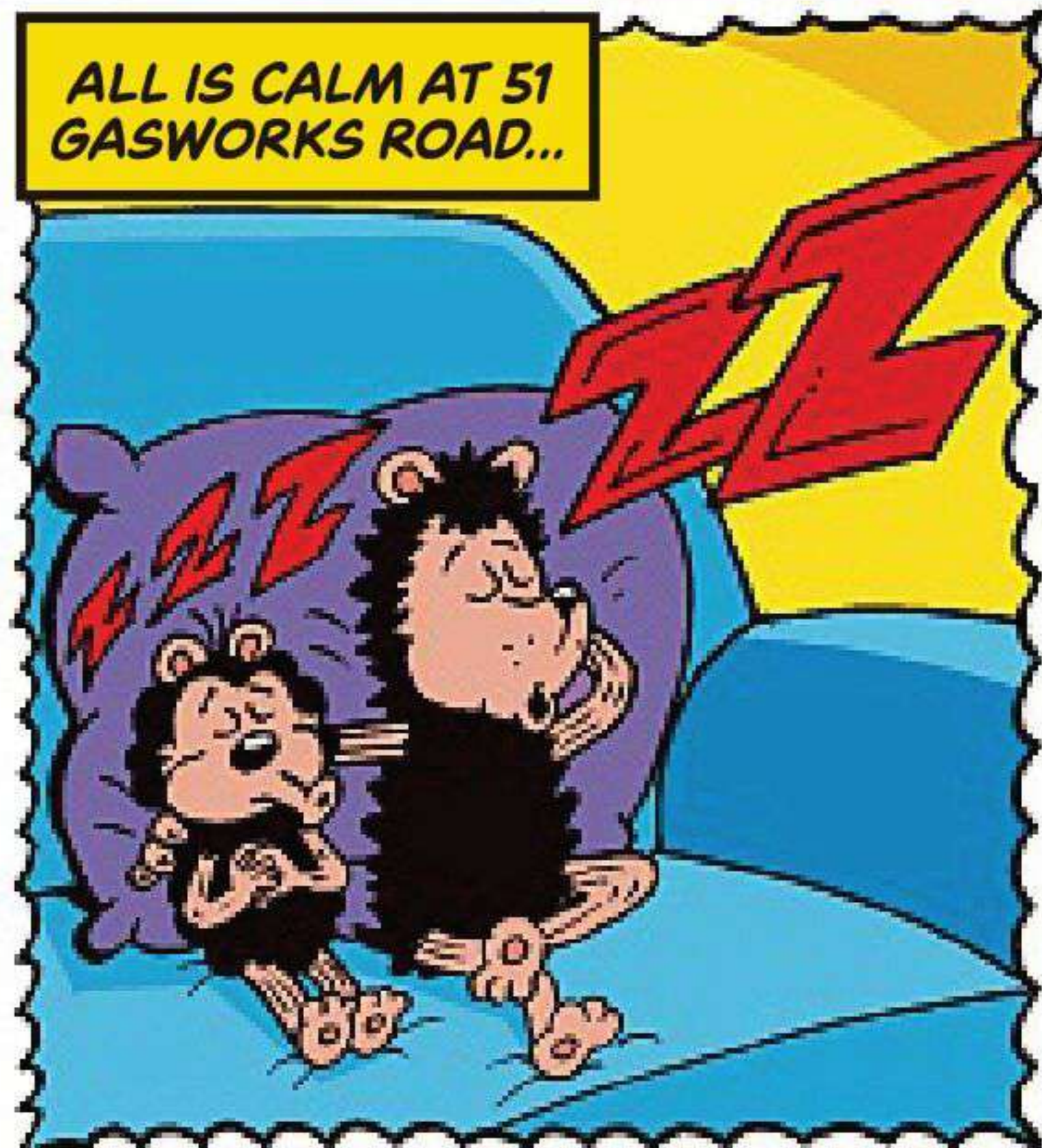


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# GNASHER & GNIPPER

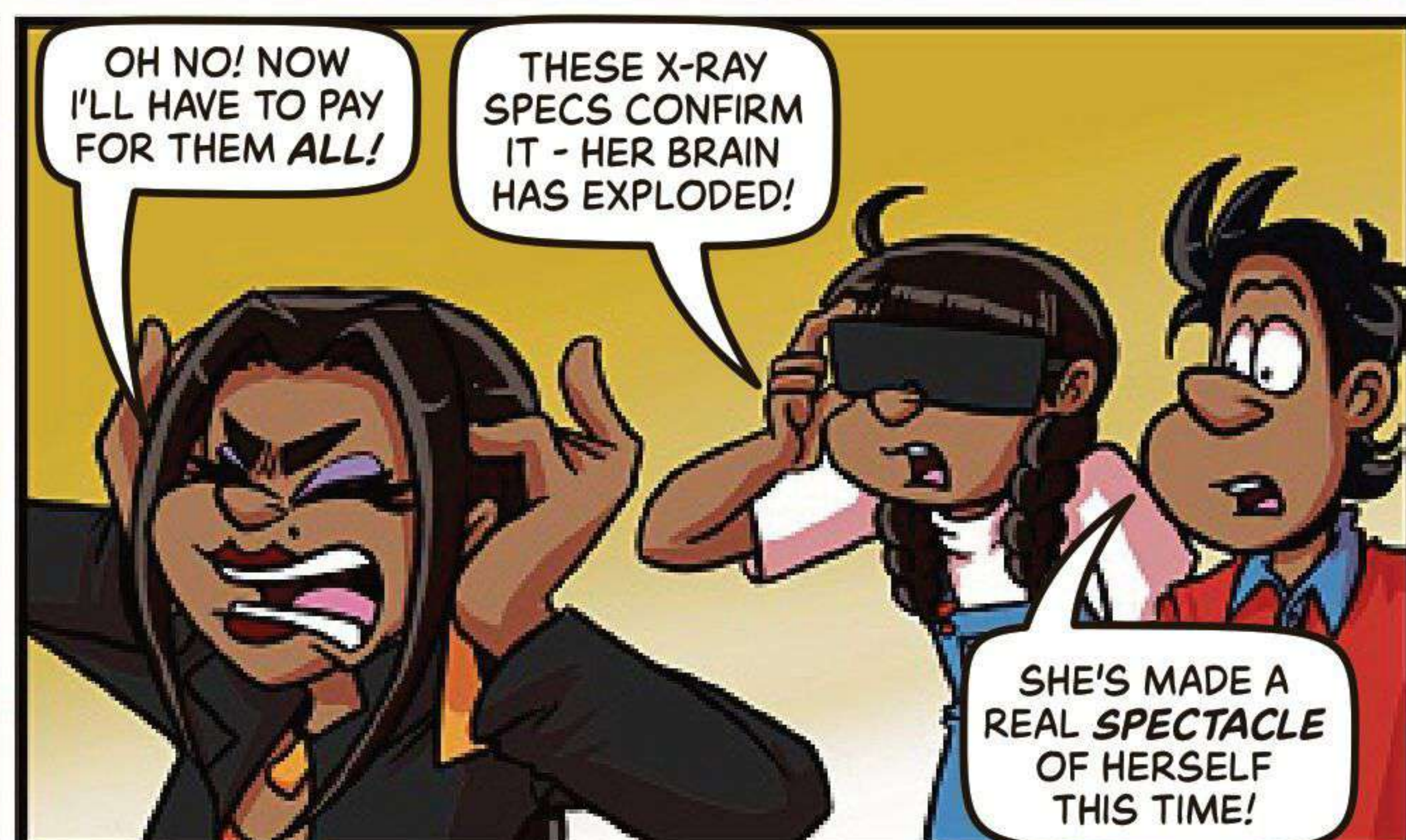
THE ADVENTURES OF BEANTOWN'S MENACE HOUNDS!





# HAR HAR'S JOKE SHOP!

MEET BEANOTOWN'S FUNNIEST FAMILY!



WORDS: Hugh Raine ART: Emily McGorman-Bruce



What do you get if you cross a worm and a baby goat? **A dirty kid!**





# HARSHA'S PRANK ACADEMY

No.45

THERE'LL **BEAN** NO STOPPING YOU WITH THIS COOKIE TRICK!

**You'll need:**

■ Chocolate chip cookie box mix ■ Tin of black beans

1



Make up the cookie mix according to the instructions on the box, but don't put the chocolate chips in!

2



**ALLERGY AWARE!**

Do not try this prank where allergies may be an issue.

Ask an adult to open the tin of black beans, then wash and dry them.

3



Mix the beans into the cookie mix then bake according to the box's instructions.

4



Once the cookies have cooled, leave them out for someone to find!



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# ROGER THE DODGER

HE'S ALWAYS GOT A TRICK UP HIS SLEEVE!



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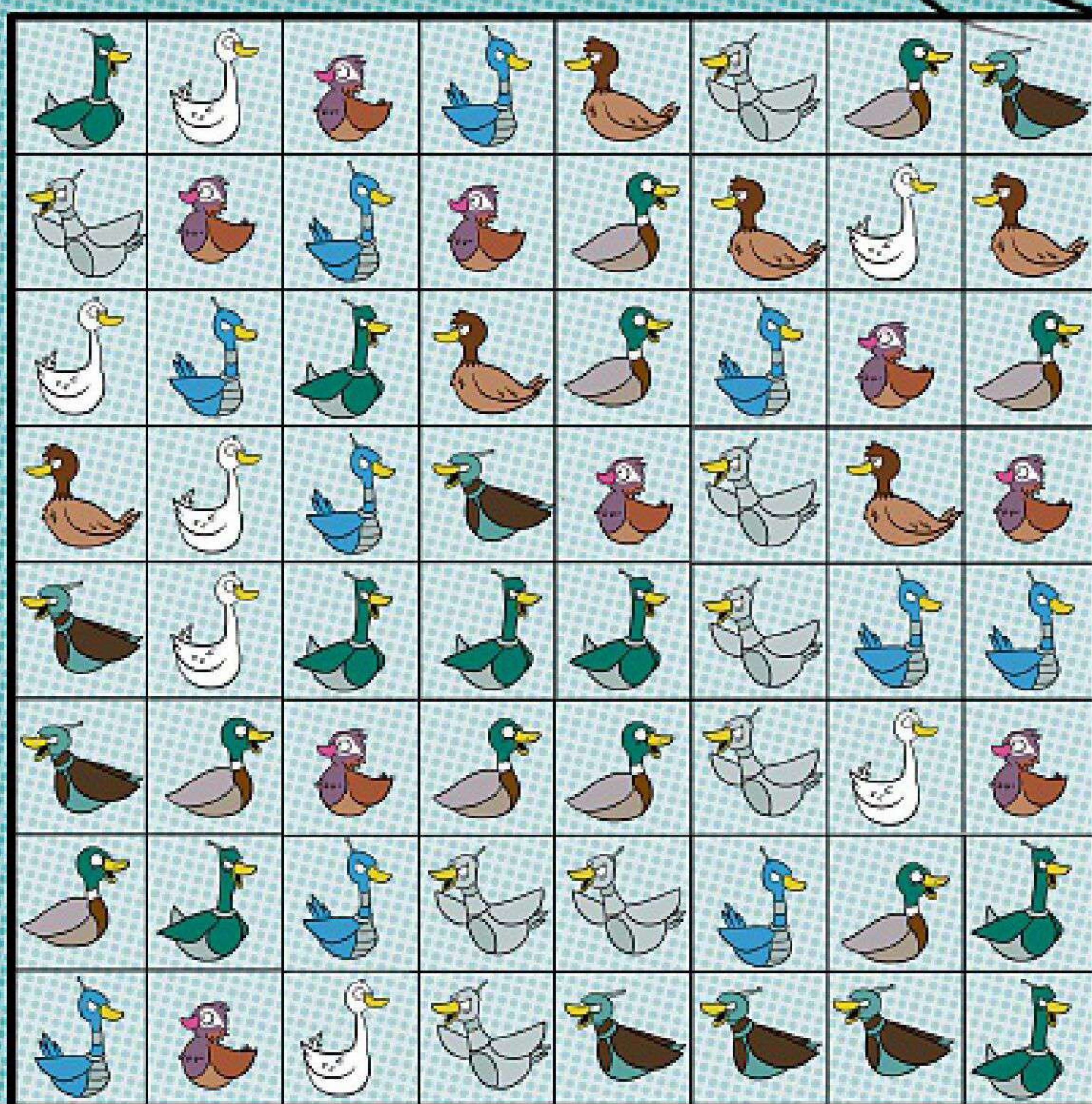


Was Dracula ever married? No, he was a bat-chelor!

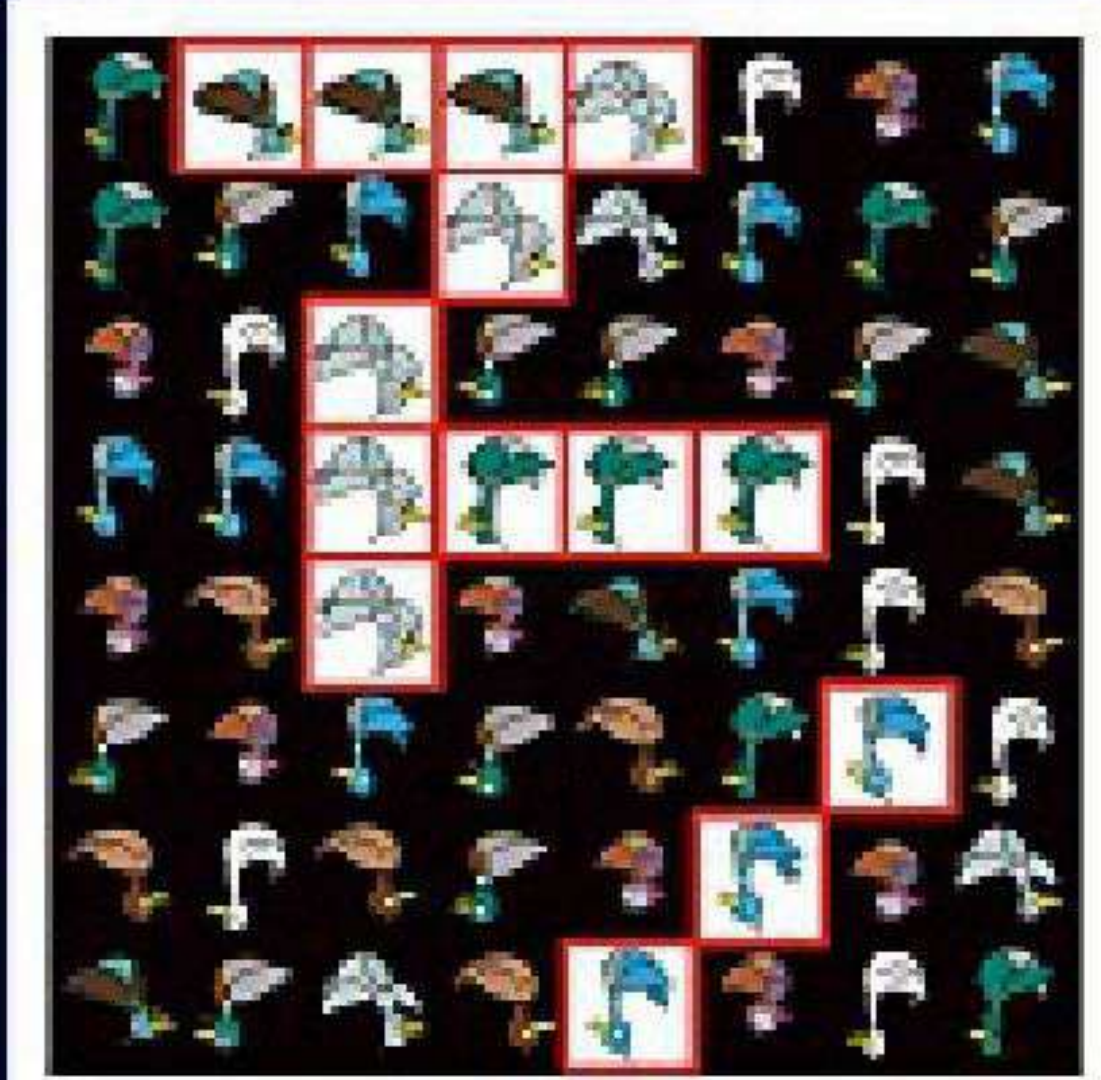


# DUCK, DUCK, GOOSE!

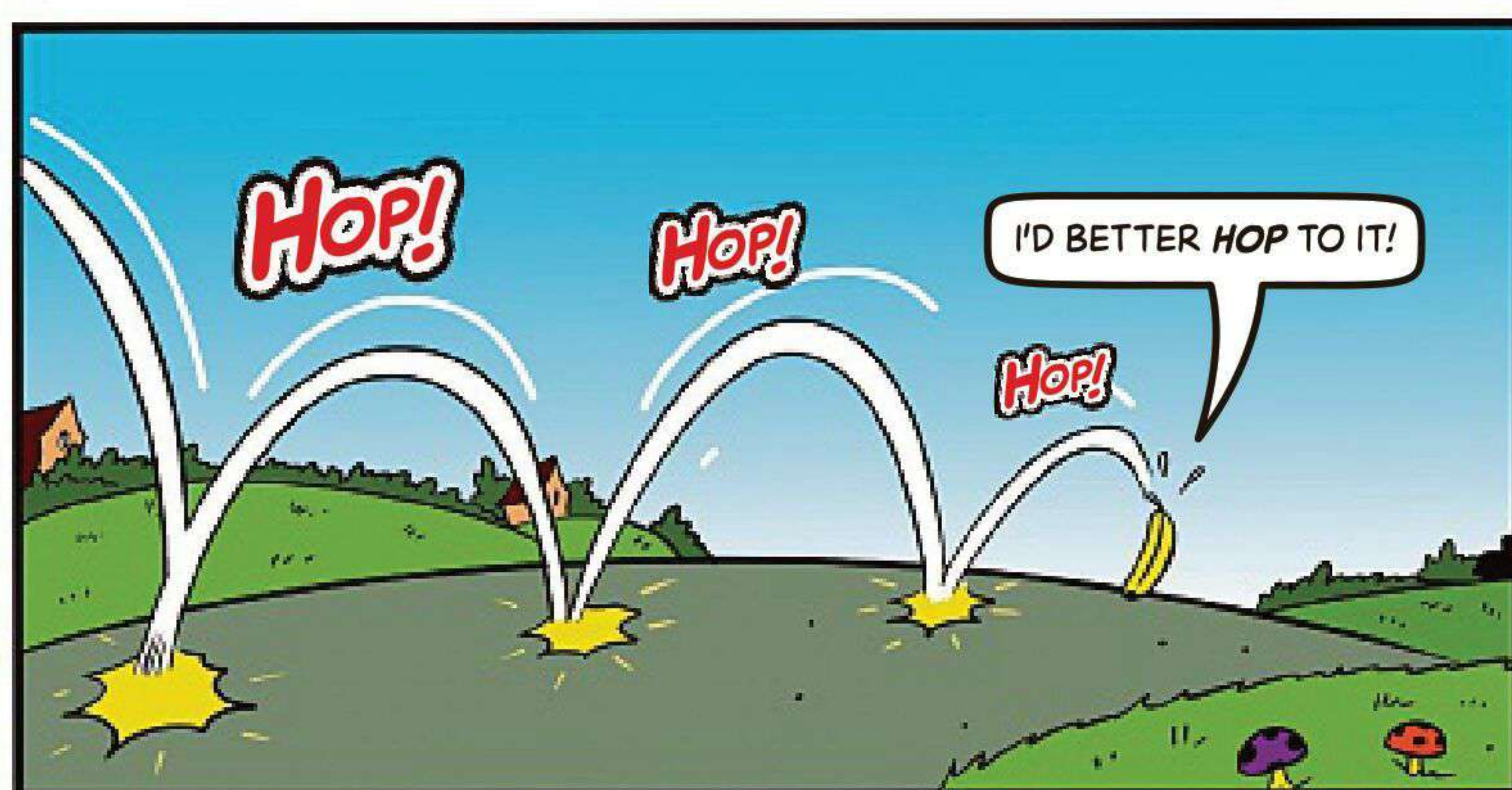
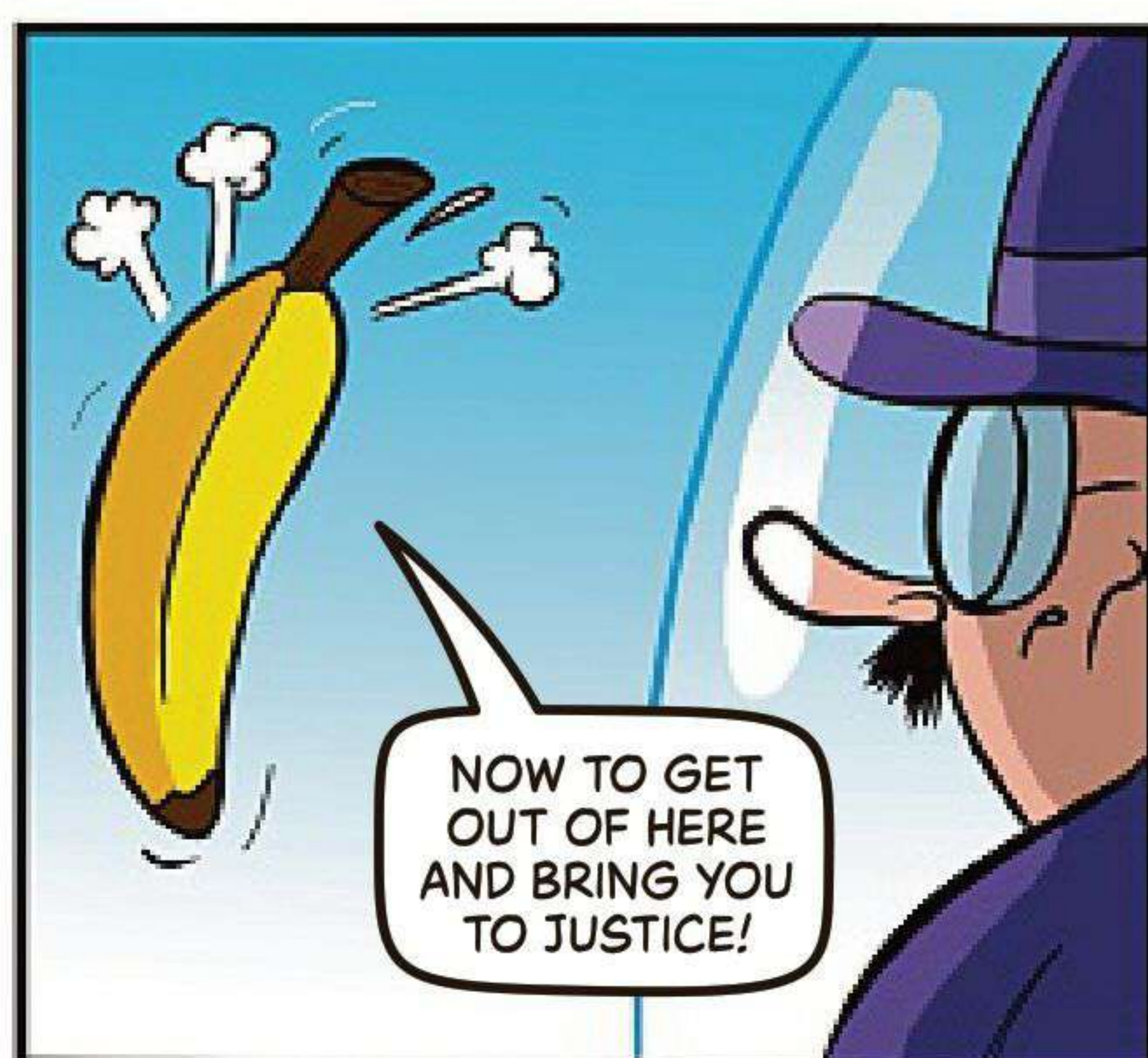
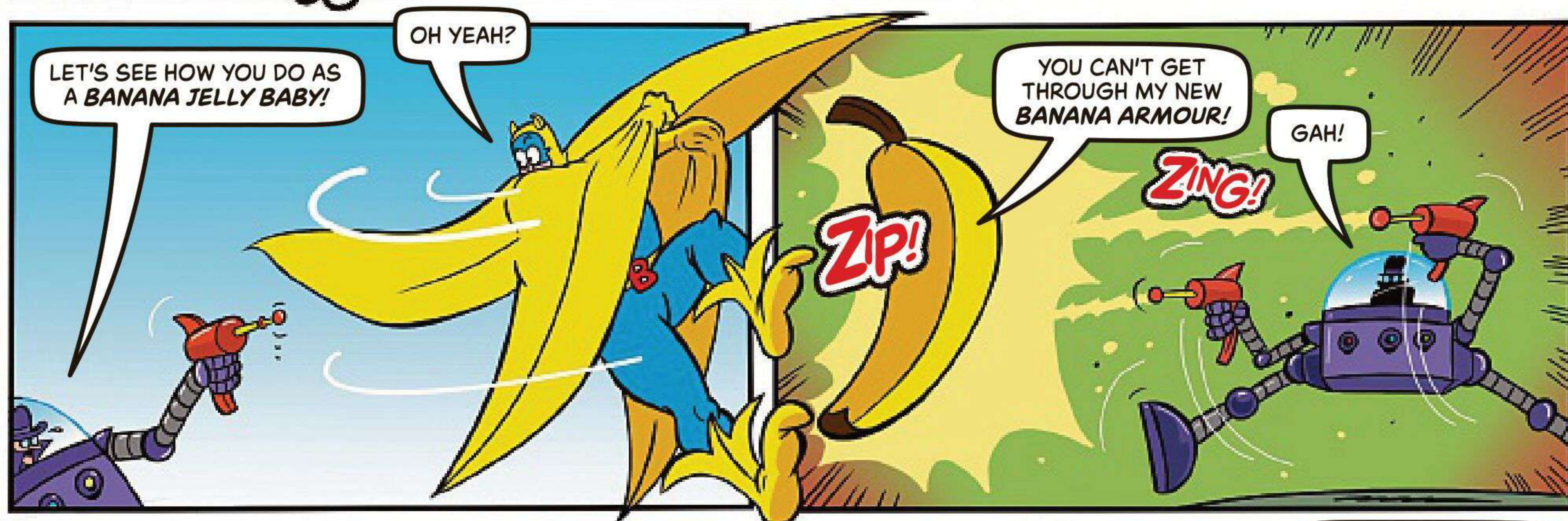
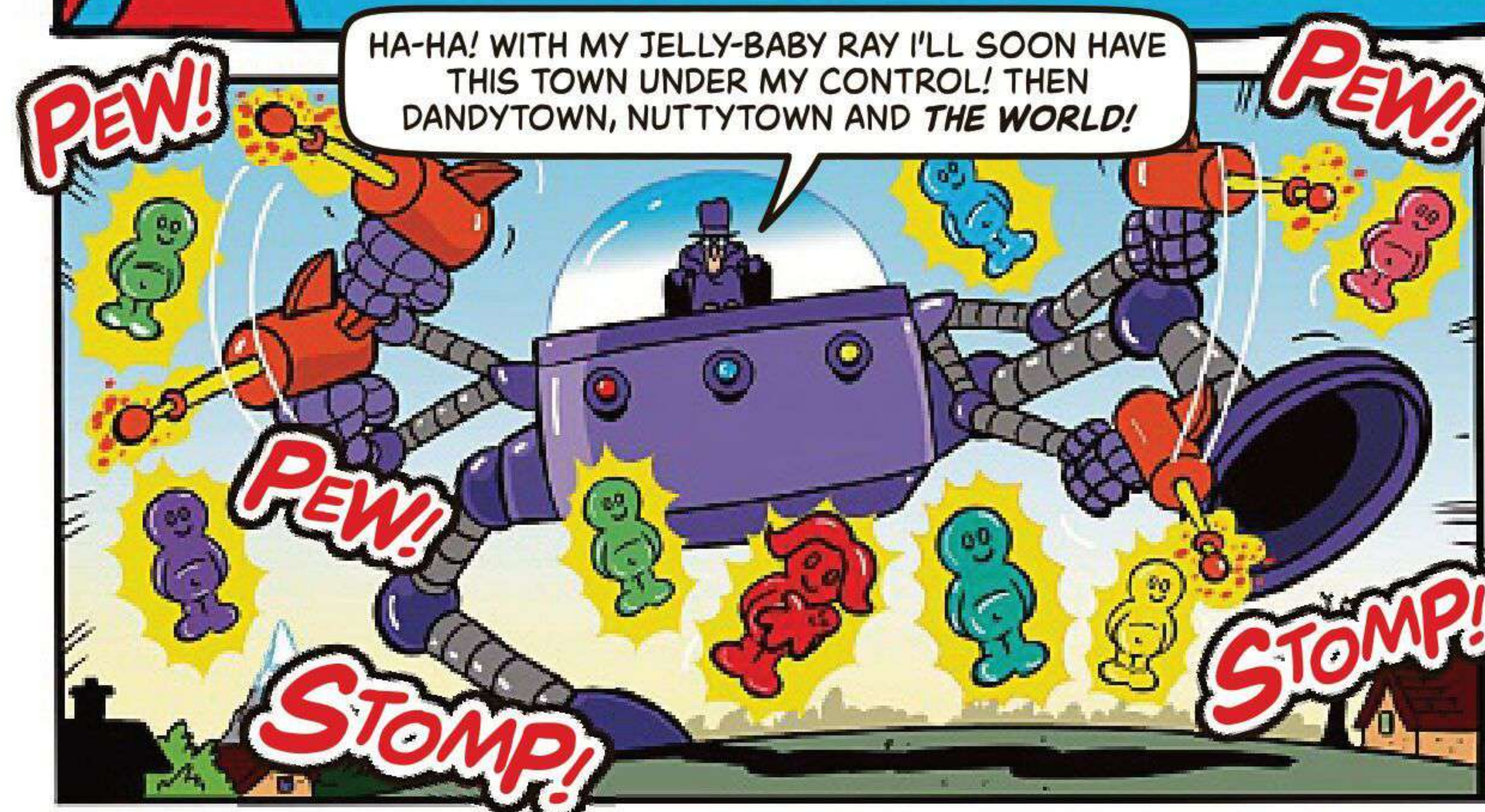
ROGER, DAVE AND RUBI HAVE BOOBY-TRAPPED THE DUCK POND WITH ANGRY ROBOT DUCKS TO CHASE CRUNCHER! CAN YOU SPOT THEM ALL? LOOK FOR THREE IDENTICAL DUCKS IN A ROW.



Solution











What do you call a rich crocodile? A gold-blooded reptile!



# BUILD-A-BEANO PERSONALISED SEARCH AND FIND BOOK



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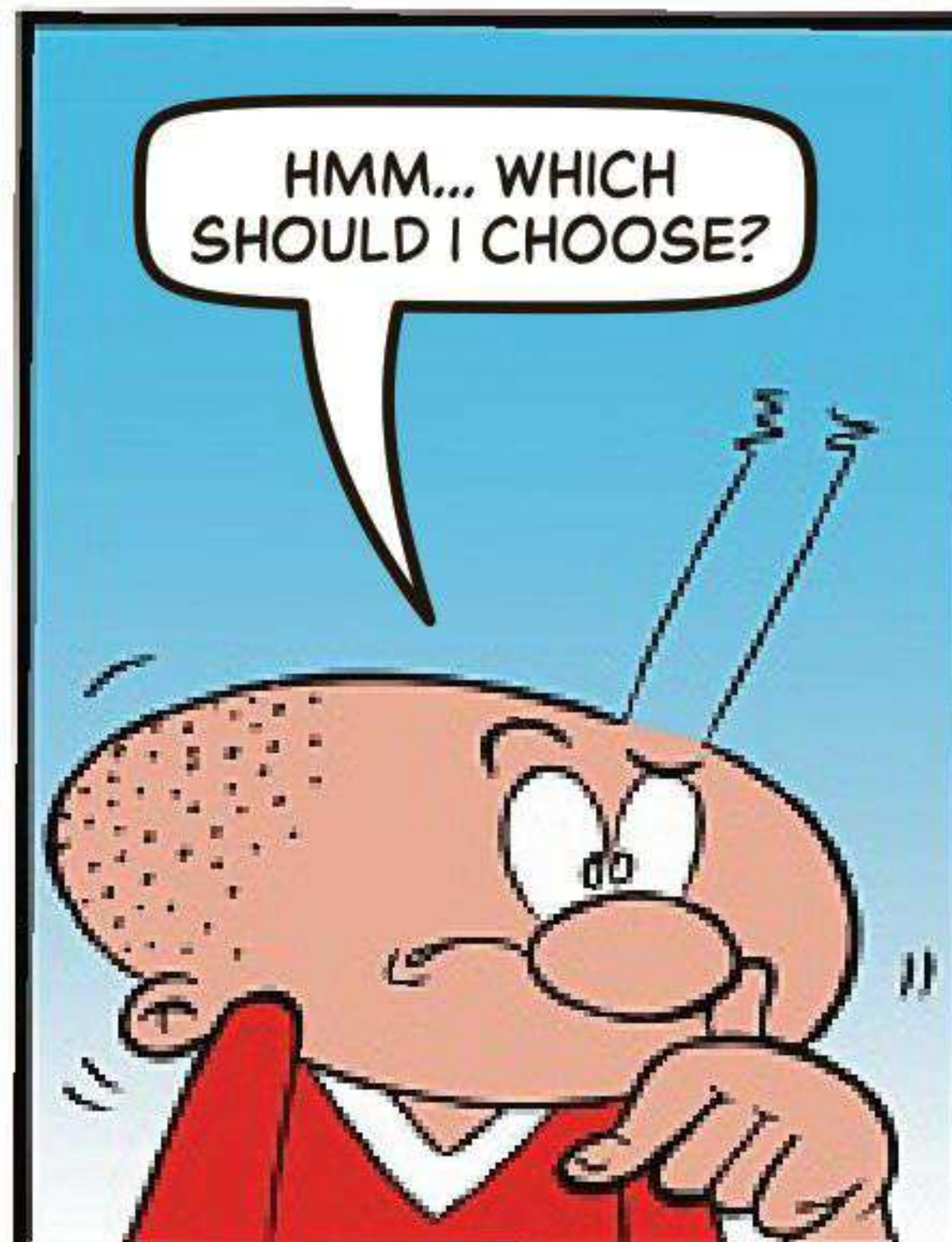


# BILLY WHIZZ

THE FASTEST BOY IN THE WORLD!



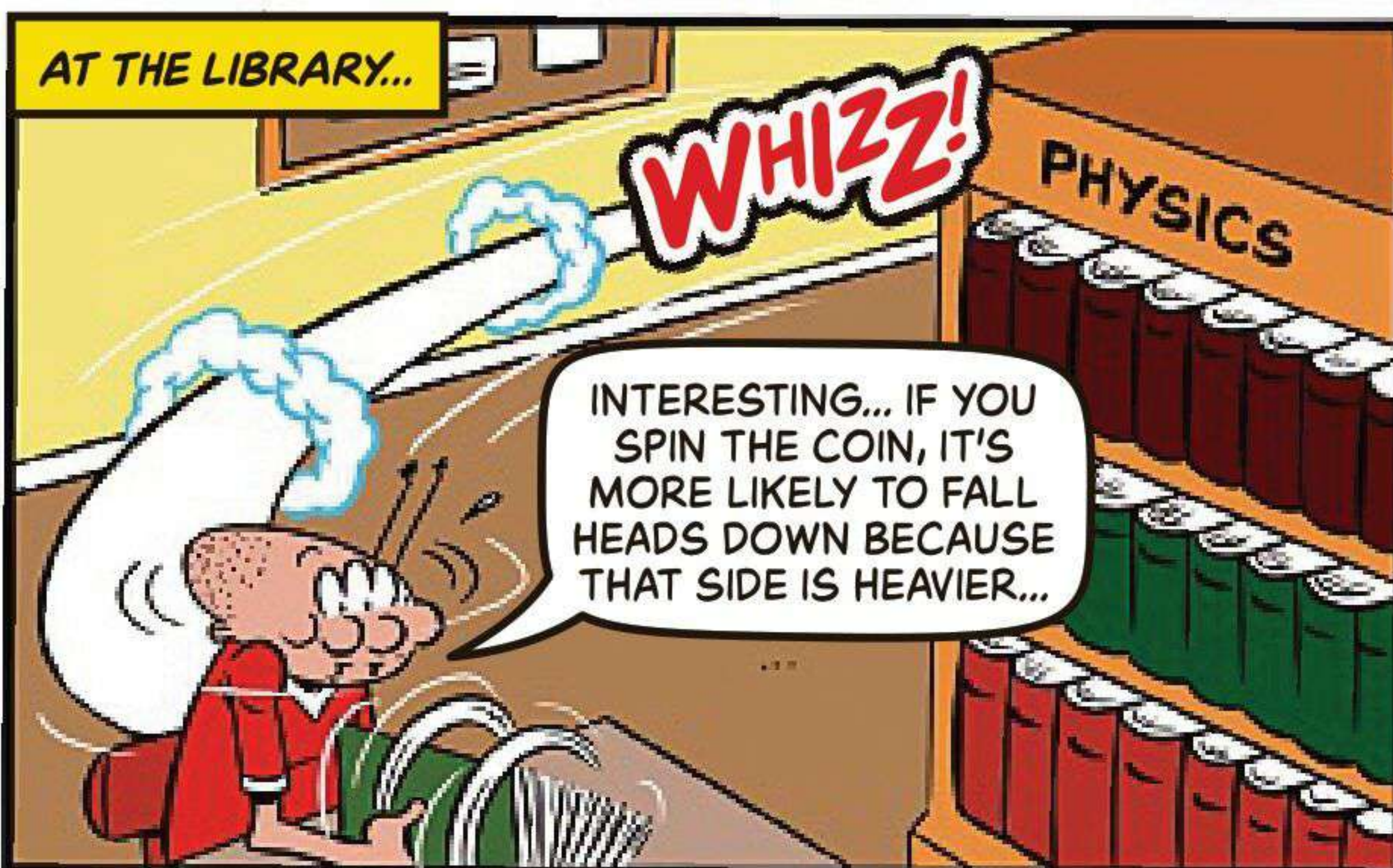
BILLY TO CALL IT! HEADS OR TAILS, BILLY?



HMM... WHICH SHOULD I CHOOSE?



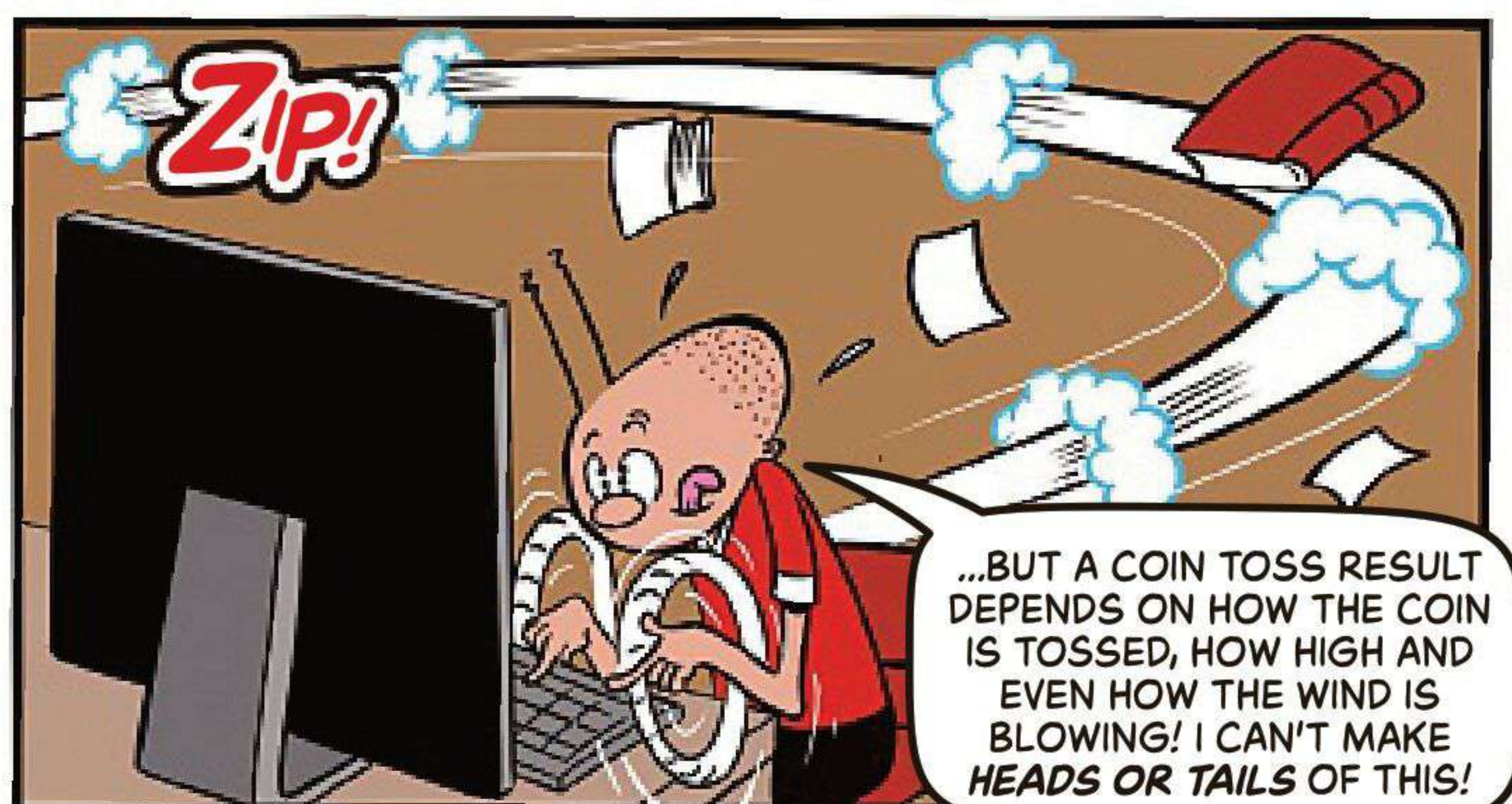
I BET I CAN DO SOME QUICK RESEARCH BEFORE THAT COIN EVEN LANDS!



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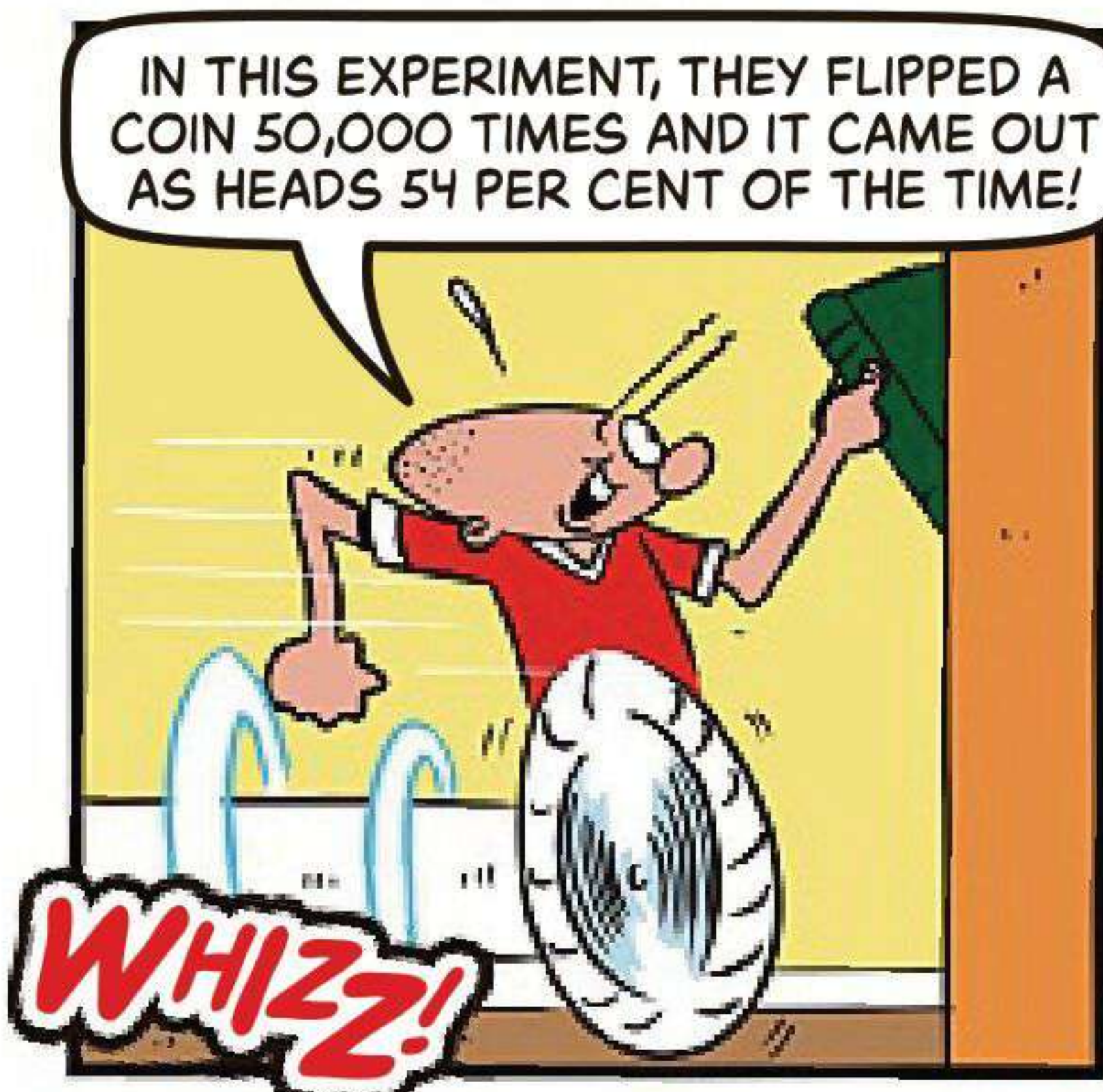
WHIZZ!

INTERESTING... IF YOU SPIN THE COIN, IT'S MORE LIKELY TO FALL HEADS DOWN BECAUSE THAT SIDE IS HEAVIER...



ZIP!

...BUT A COIN TOSS RESULT DEPENDS ON HOW THE COIN IS TOSSED, HOW HIGH AND EVEN HOW THE WIND IS BLOWING! I CAN'T MAKE HEADS OR TAILS OF THIS!



IN THIS EXPERIMENT, THEY FLIPPED A COIN 50,000 TIMES AND IT CAME OUT AS HEADS 54 PER CENT OF THE TIME!

WHIZZ!

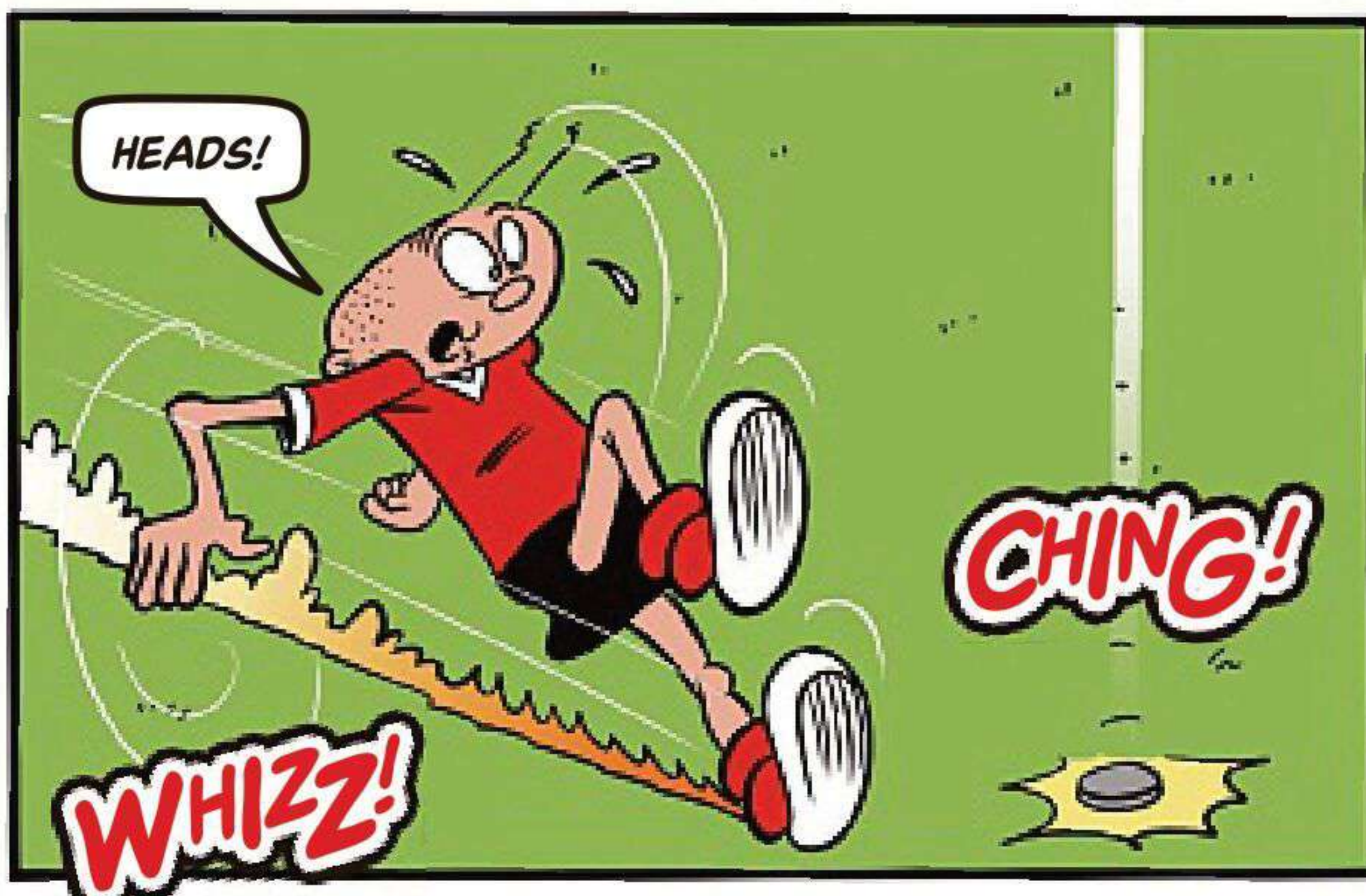


THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME! I CAN'T FAIL WITH ALL MY EXPERT RESEARCH!



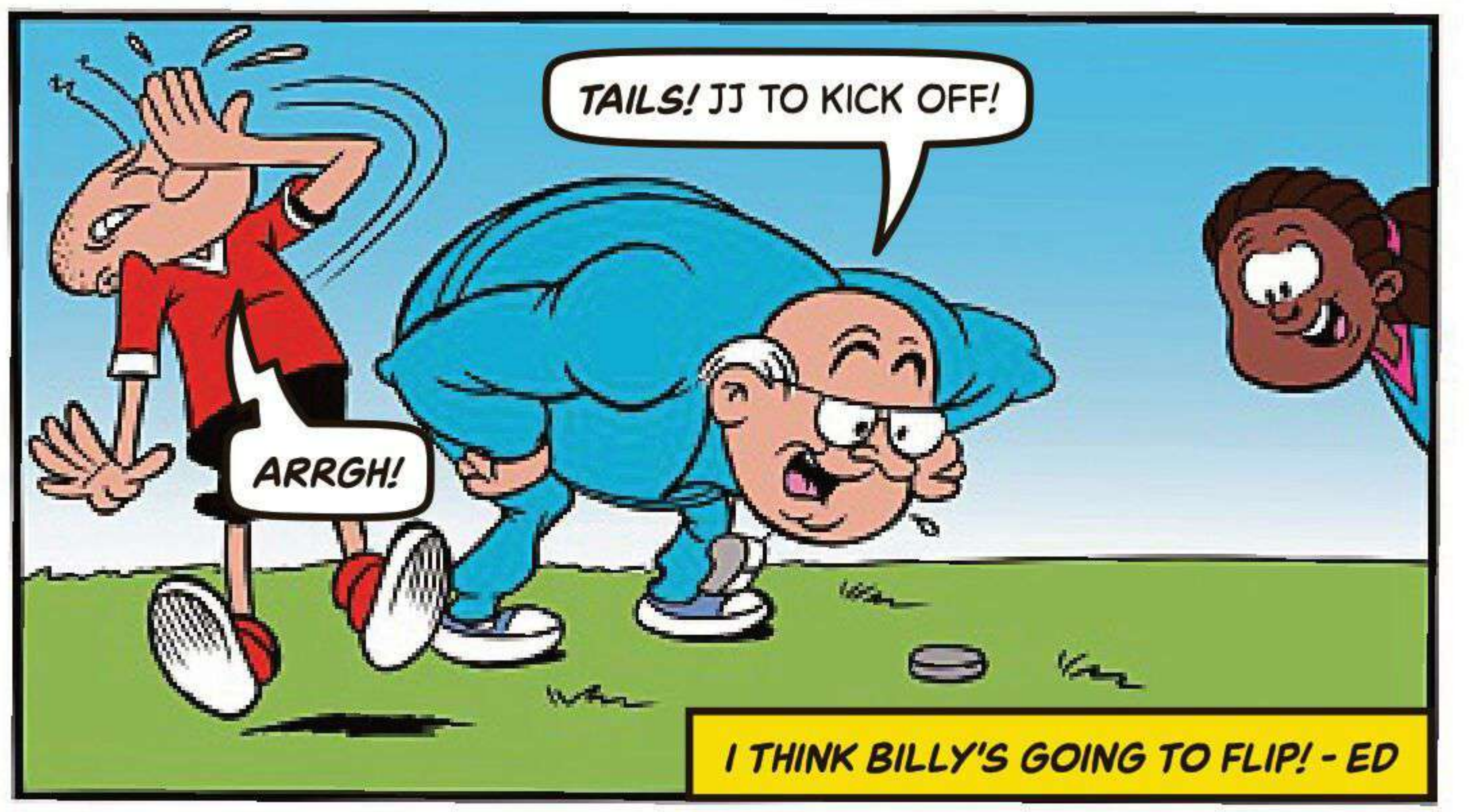
NOW TO GET BACK TO THE GAME BEFORE THAT COIN LANDS!

Zoom!



HEADS!

CHING!



TAILS! JJ TO KICK OFF!

ARRGH!

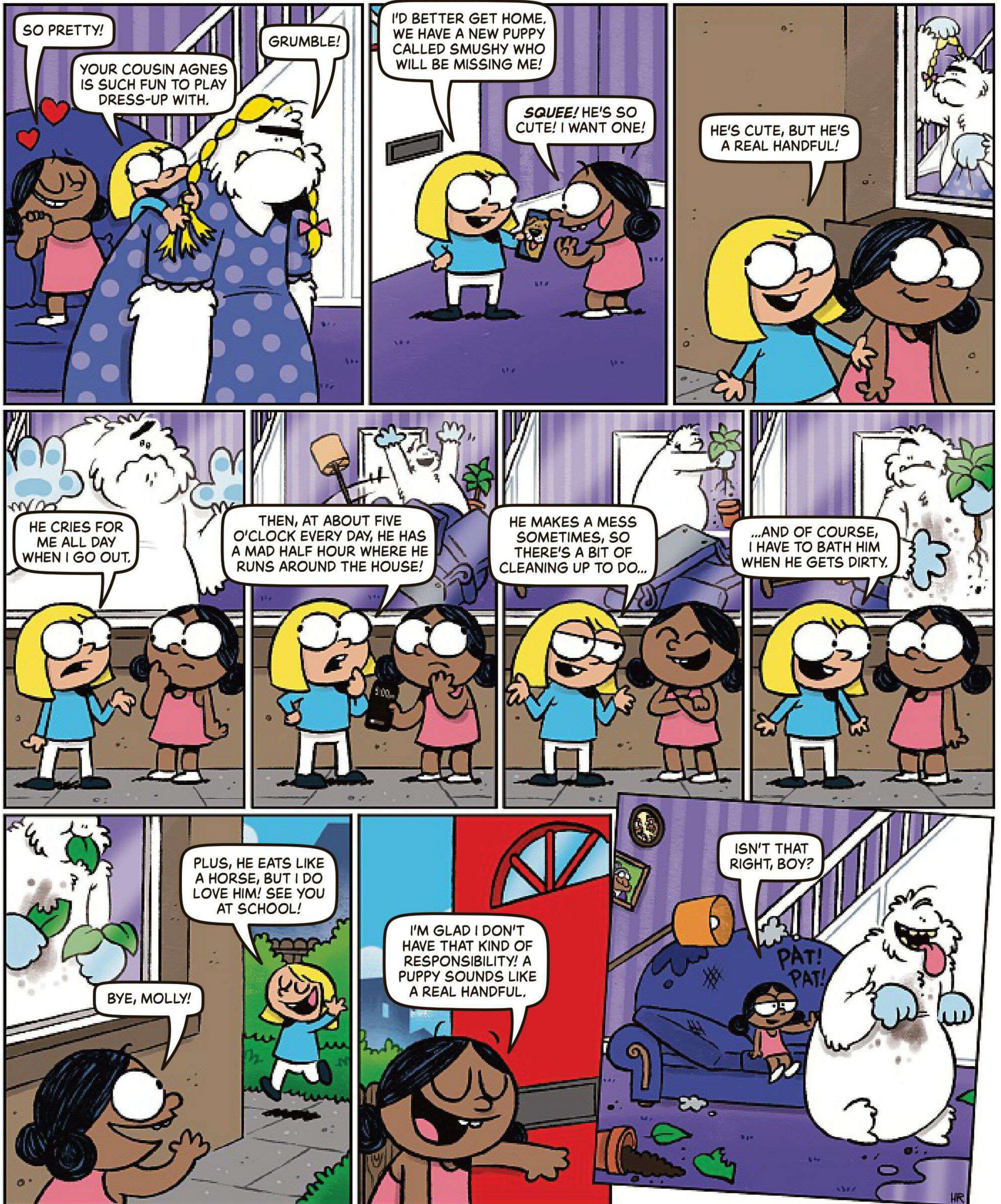
I THINK BILLY'S GOING TO FLIP! - ED





# BETTY AND THE YETI!

THE ORDINARY GIRL WITH THE EXTRAORDINARY BEST FRIEND!



WORDS & ART: Hugh Raine

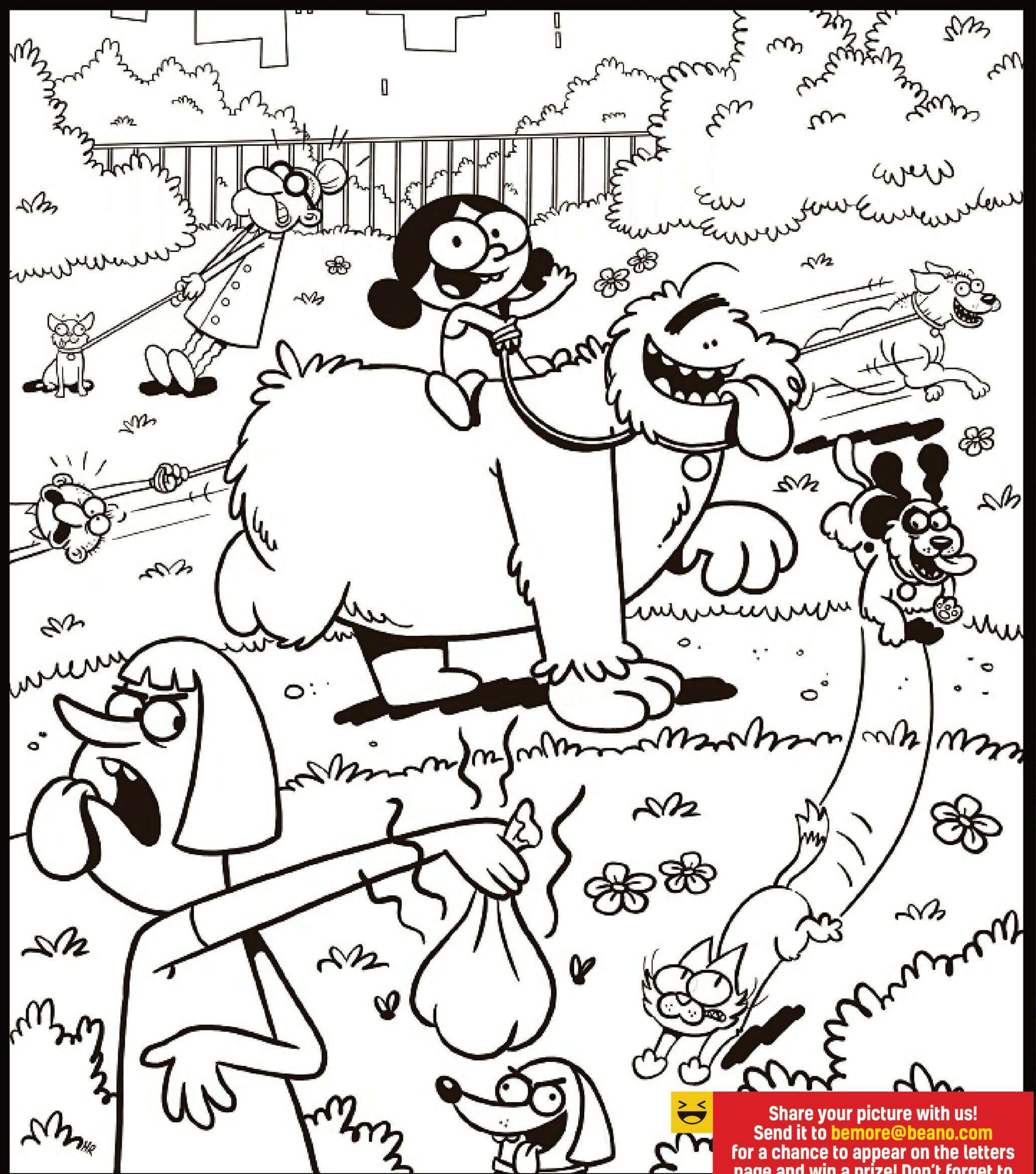


Why don't skeletons play music at church? They don't have any organs!





ADD SOME COLOUR TO THIS PAW-FECT PICTURE OF A PEACEFUL WALK IN THE PARK!



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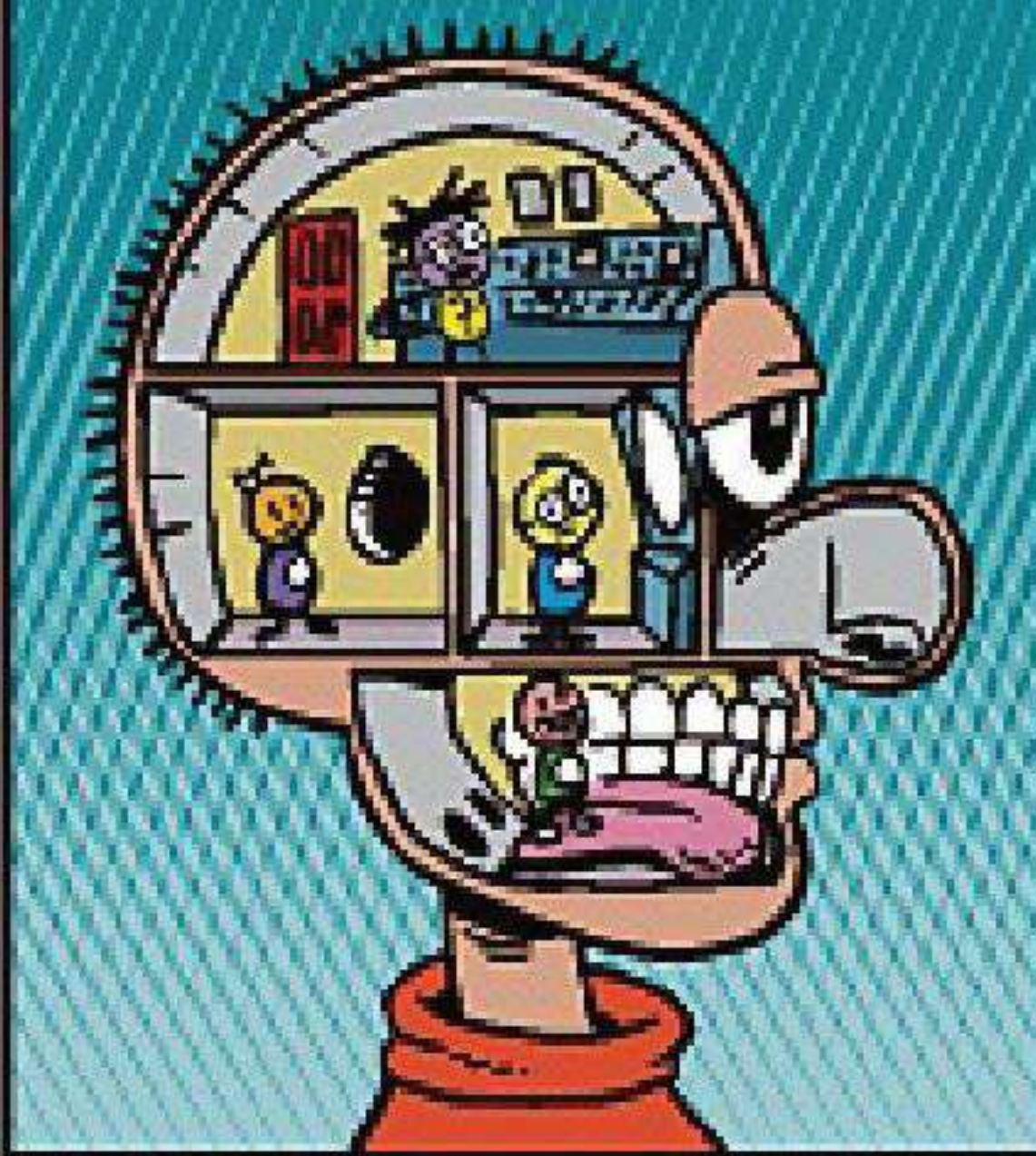


# NUMSKULLS

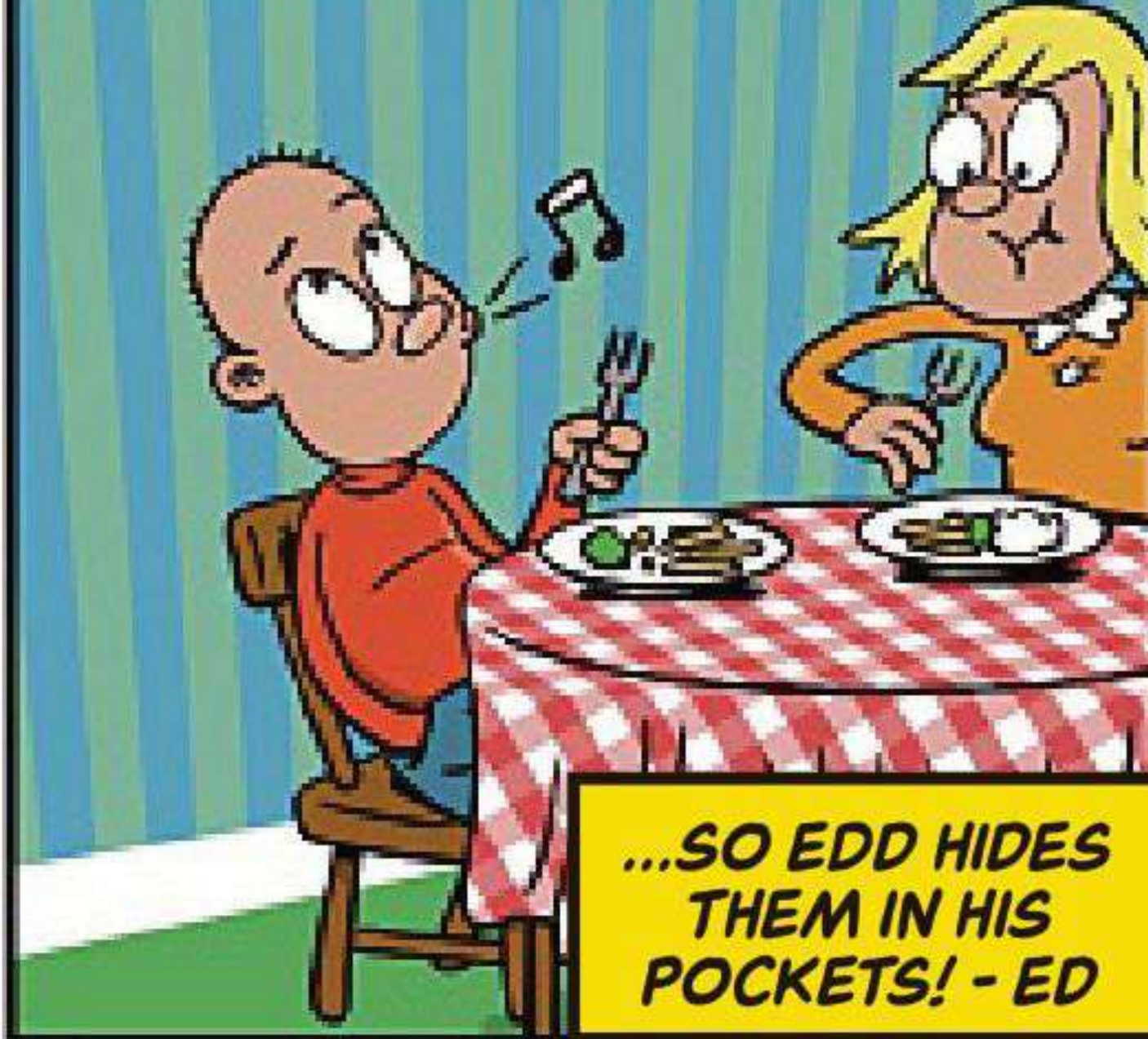


The Little guys that Live in your head! Everybody has them!

THERE'S A LOT GOING ON IN EDD'S HEAD...



EVEN THOUGH CHRISTMAS IS A MILLION MONTHS AWAY, MUM PUTS SPROUTS ON EDD'S PLATE...



...SO EDD HIDES THEM IN HIS POCKETS! - ED

THAT NIGHT, EDD GOES TO SLEEP AS USUAL...



AND WHEN EDD SLEEPS, HIS NUMSKULLS SLEEP...



WAKE UP, BRAINY! BUT KEEP QUIET, WE'RE IN TROUBLE!

WHY DID YOU WAKE ME?!



HA-HA-HA!

ARRGH! I SAID, KEEP QUIET!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

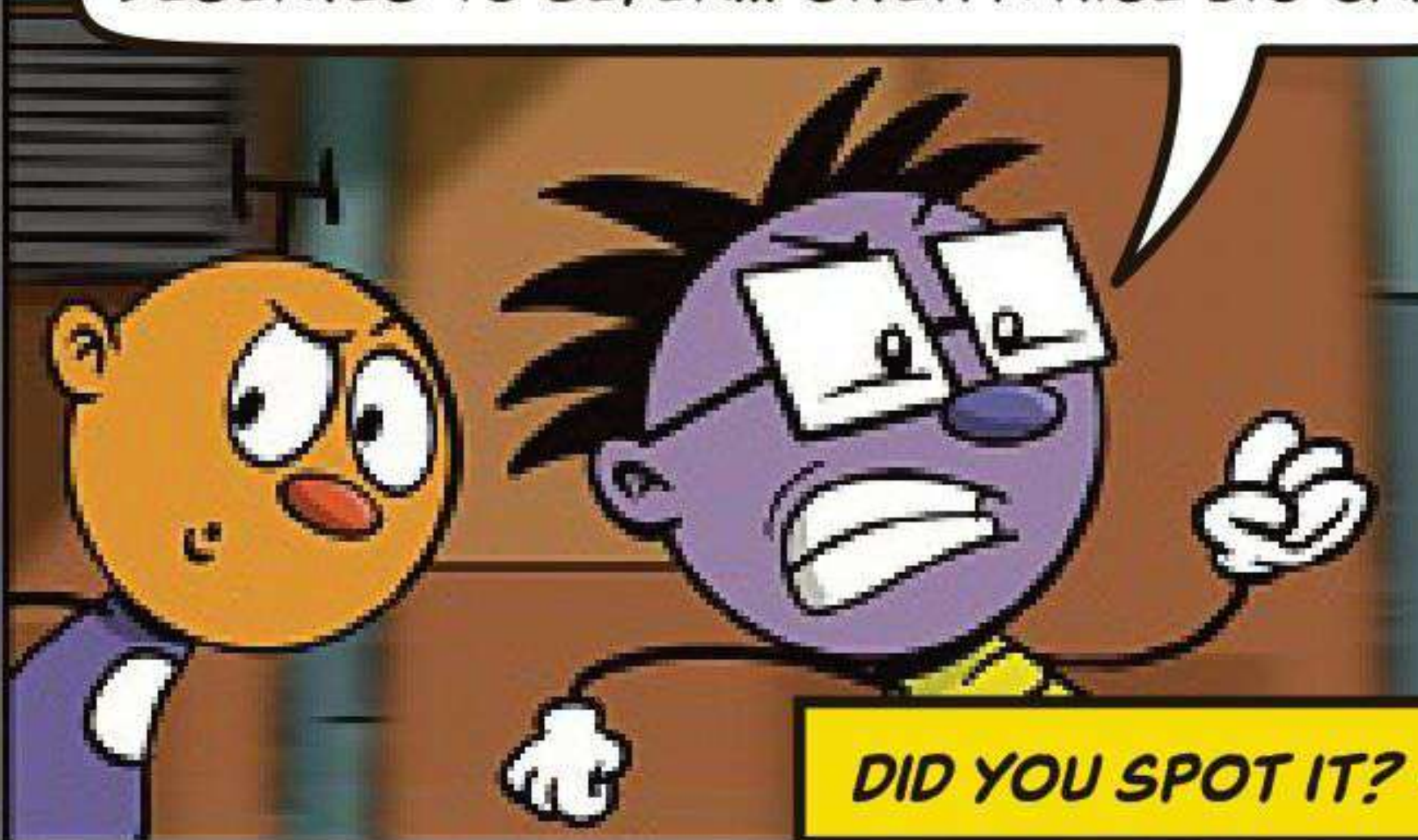


EDD HAD A DREAM ABOUT AN EVIL SPROUT, BUT SOMEONE LEFT THE IMAGINATION OPEN AND IT ESCAPED!



BRAINY LEFT THE DOOR OPEN. SEE IF YOU CAN SPOT WHEN HE REMEMBERS THIS IS ALL HIS FAULT...

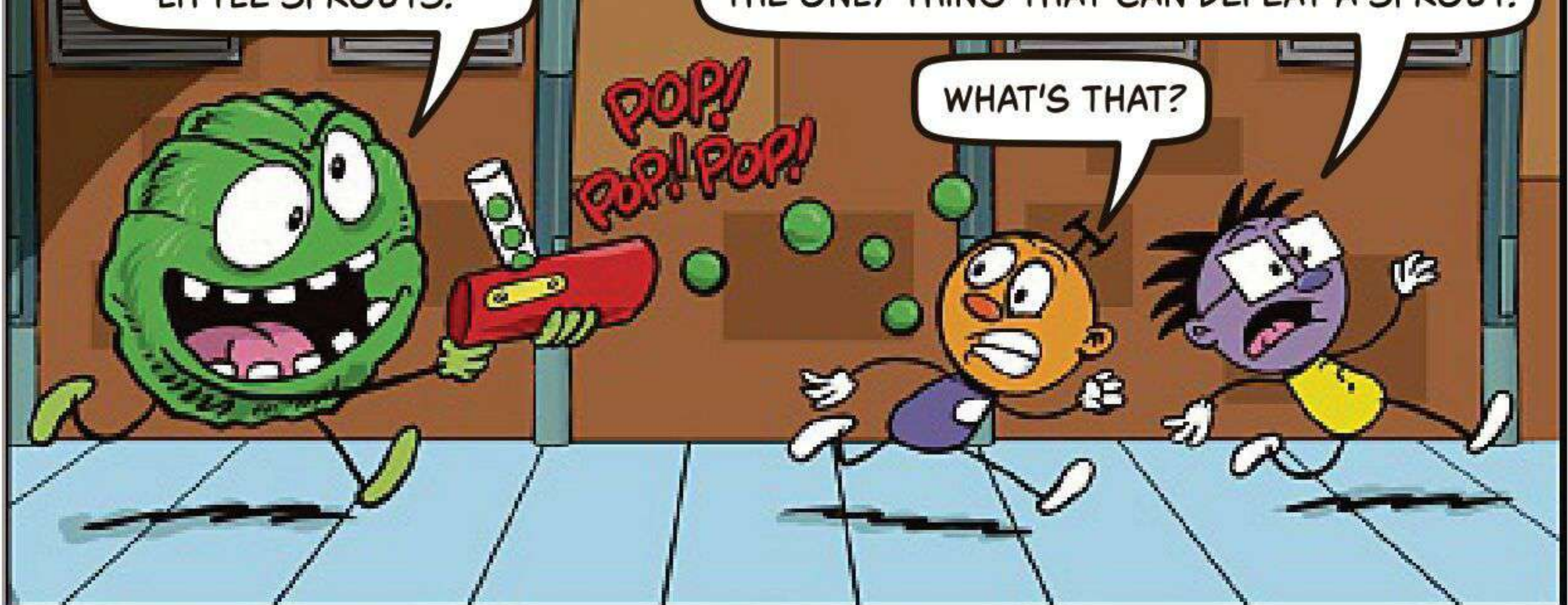
WHICH IDIOT DID THAT?! WHOEVER IT WAS DESERVES TO BE, ER... GIVEN A NICE BIG CAKE!



DID YOU SPOT IT? - ED

HA-HA! NOW I'VE GOT A BLASTER THAT FIRES LITTLE SPROUTS!

OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO GET BACK TO THE BRAIN AND GET THE IMAGINATION TO CREATE THE ONLY THING THAT CAN DEFEAT A SPROUT!



WHAT'S THAT?

THERE'S NO TIME TO TELL YOU! THERE'S JUST ENOUGH TIME TO TELL YOU THAT THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME TO TELL YOU!

HURRY, IT'S COMING!



CUSTARD FLOODS OUT OF THE IMAGINATION...

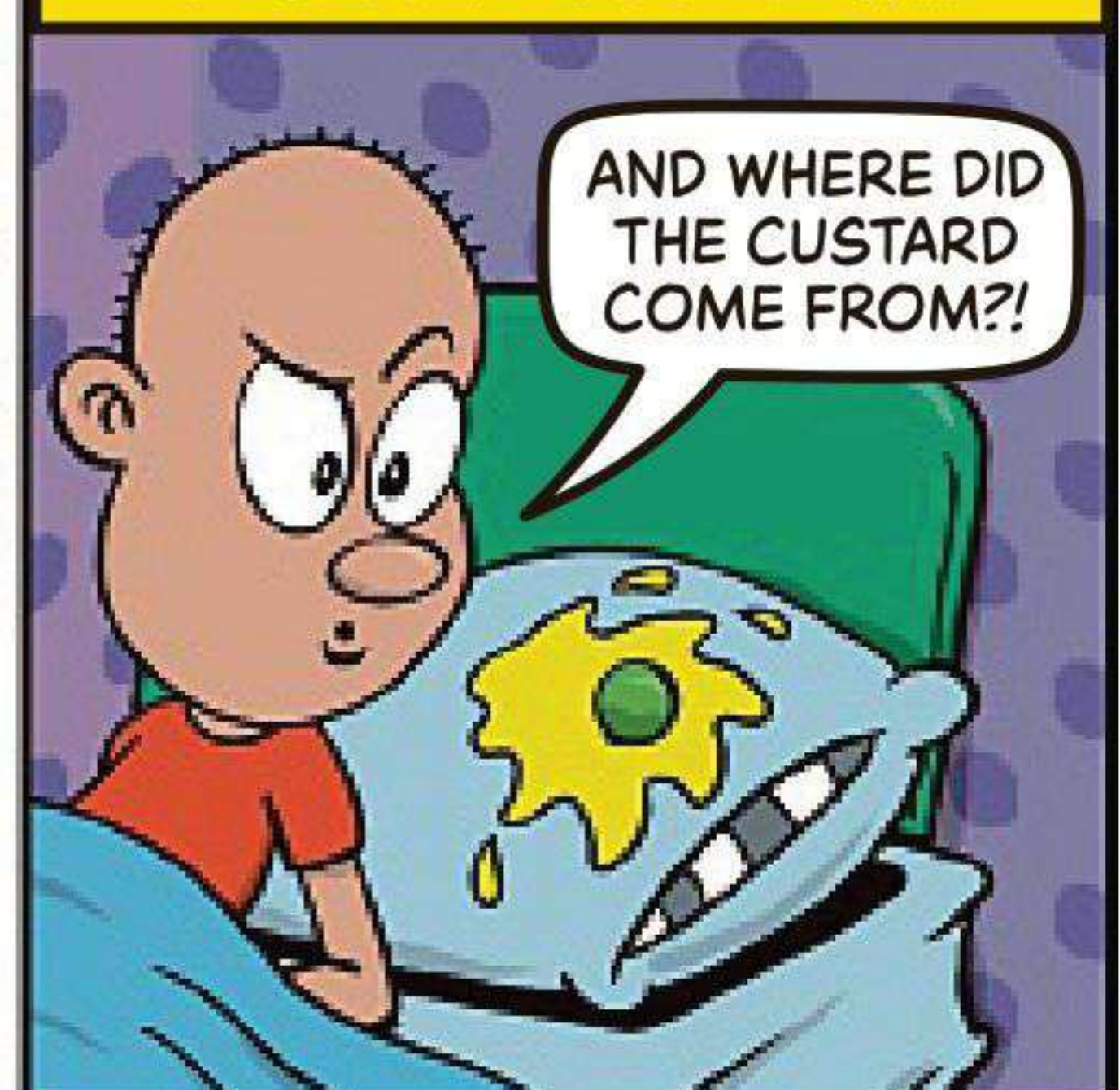
CUSTARD! WHY CUSTARD?!

I DON'T MAKE THE RULES!



HANG ON TO SOMETHING UNTIL IT GETS WASHED OUT OF THE EAR!

IN THE MORNING, EDD WONDERS HOW A SPROUT GOT FROM HIS POCKET TO HIS PILLOW...



AND WHERE DID THE CUSTARD COME FROM?!

WORDS & ART: Nigel Auchterlounie



What do ghosts dance to? Soul music!





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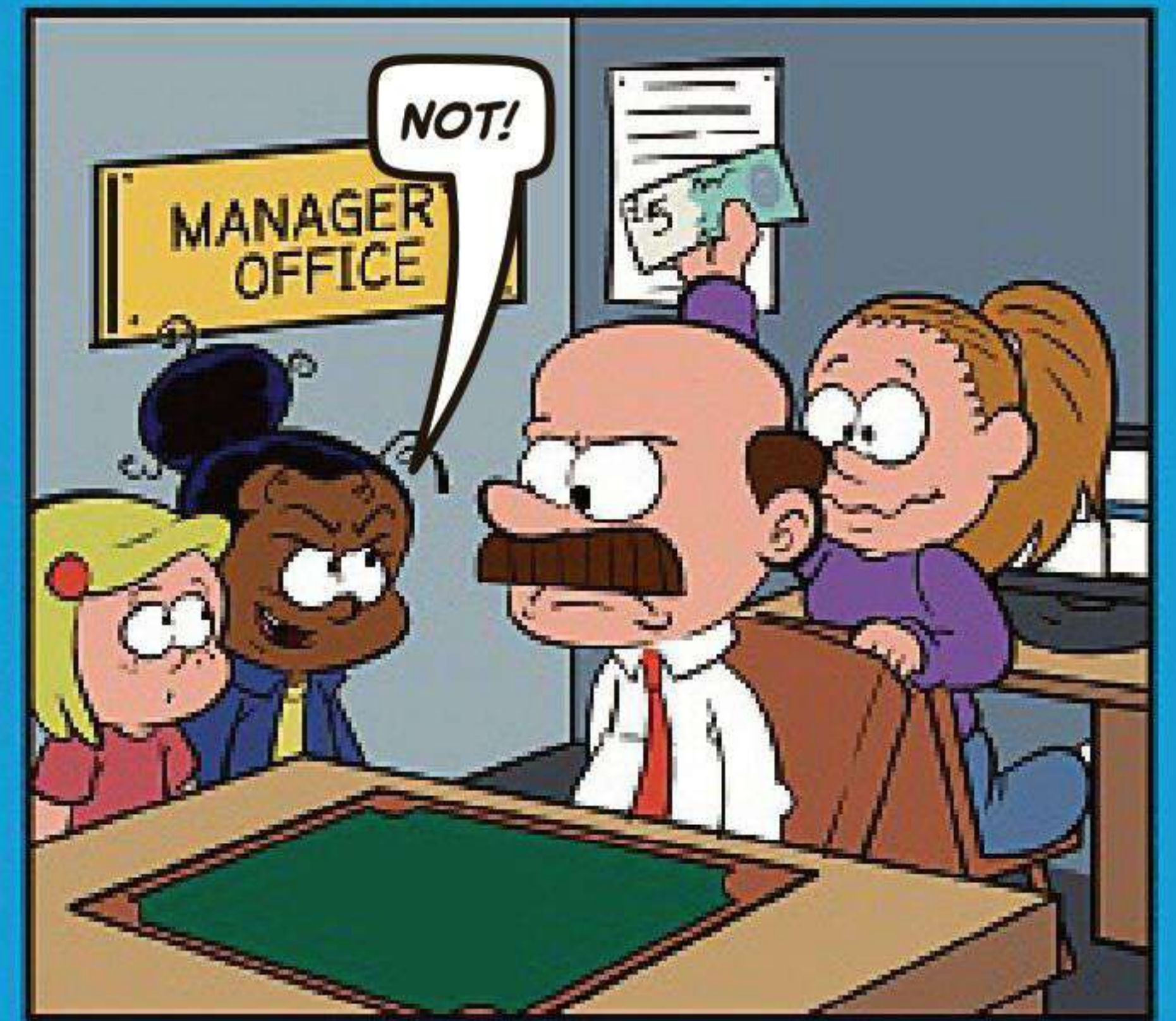
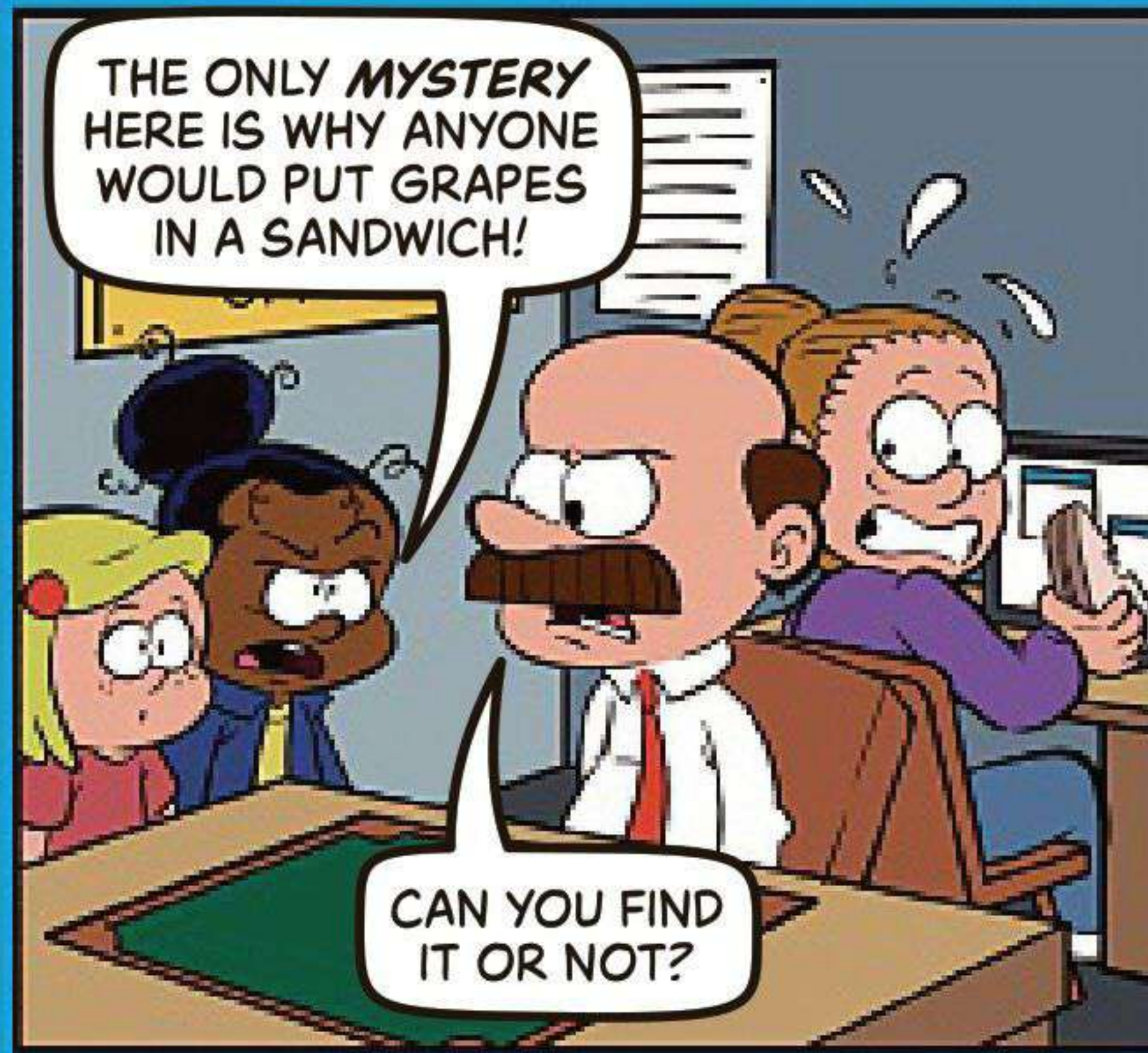
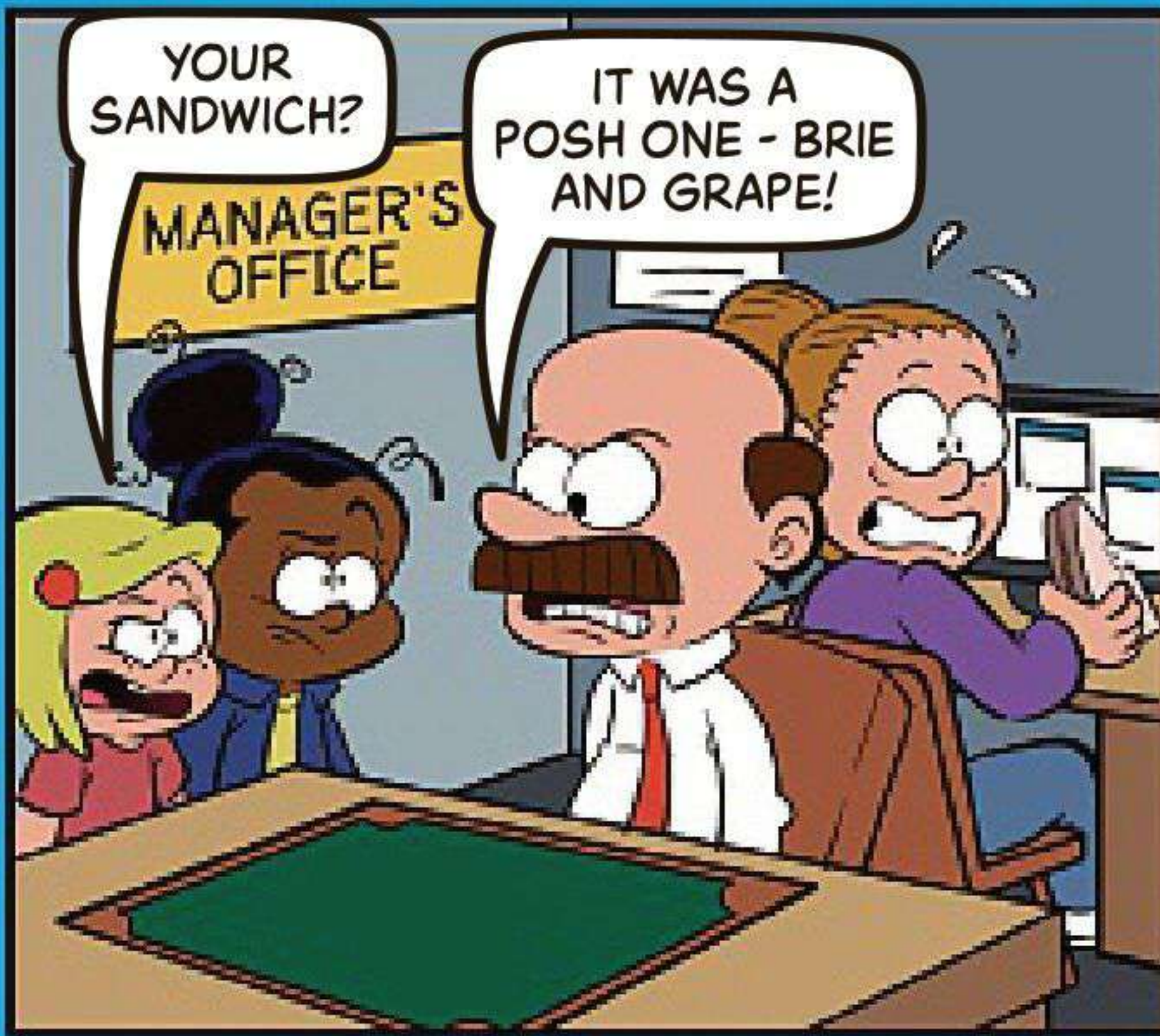
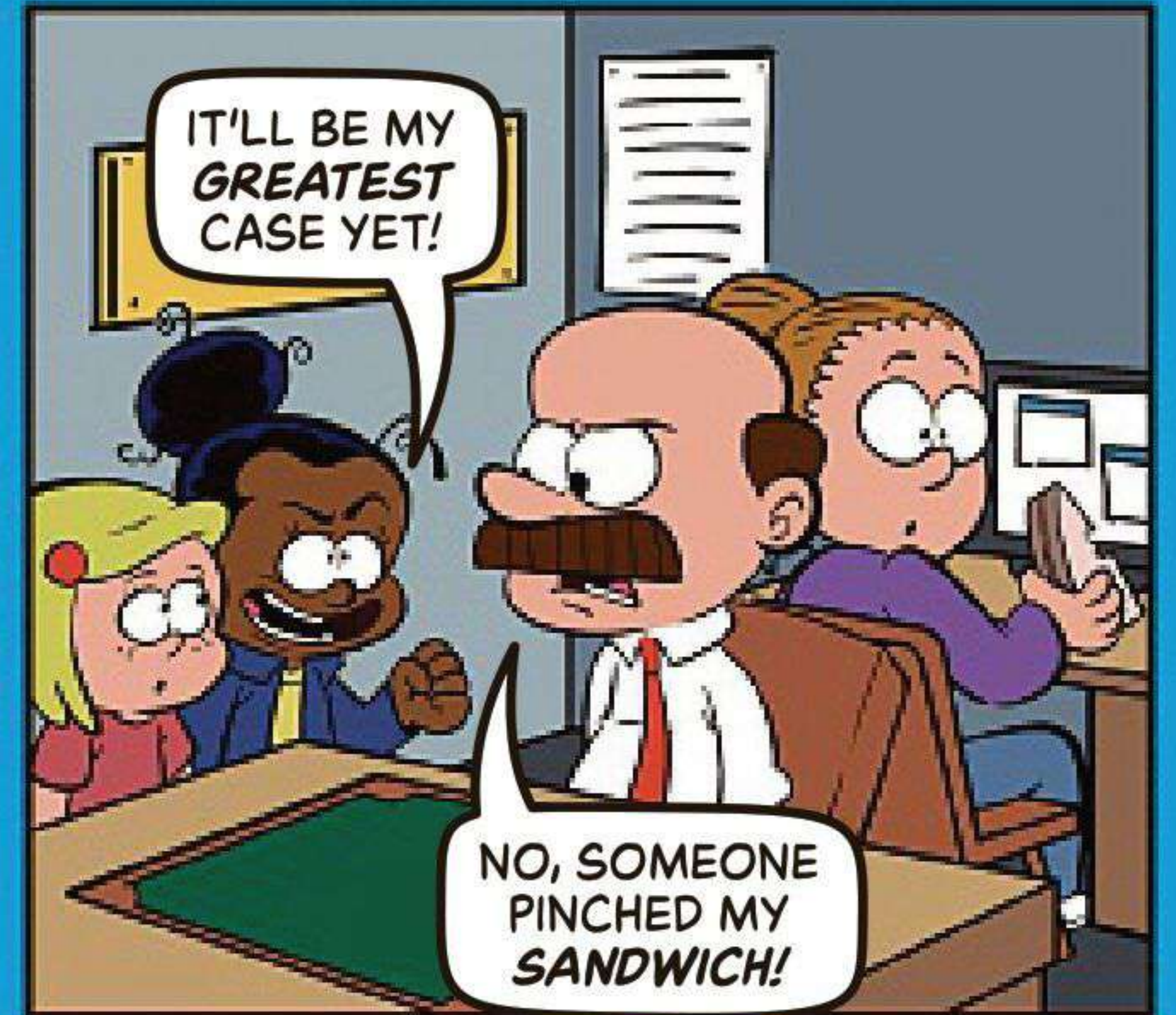
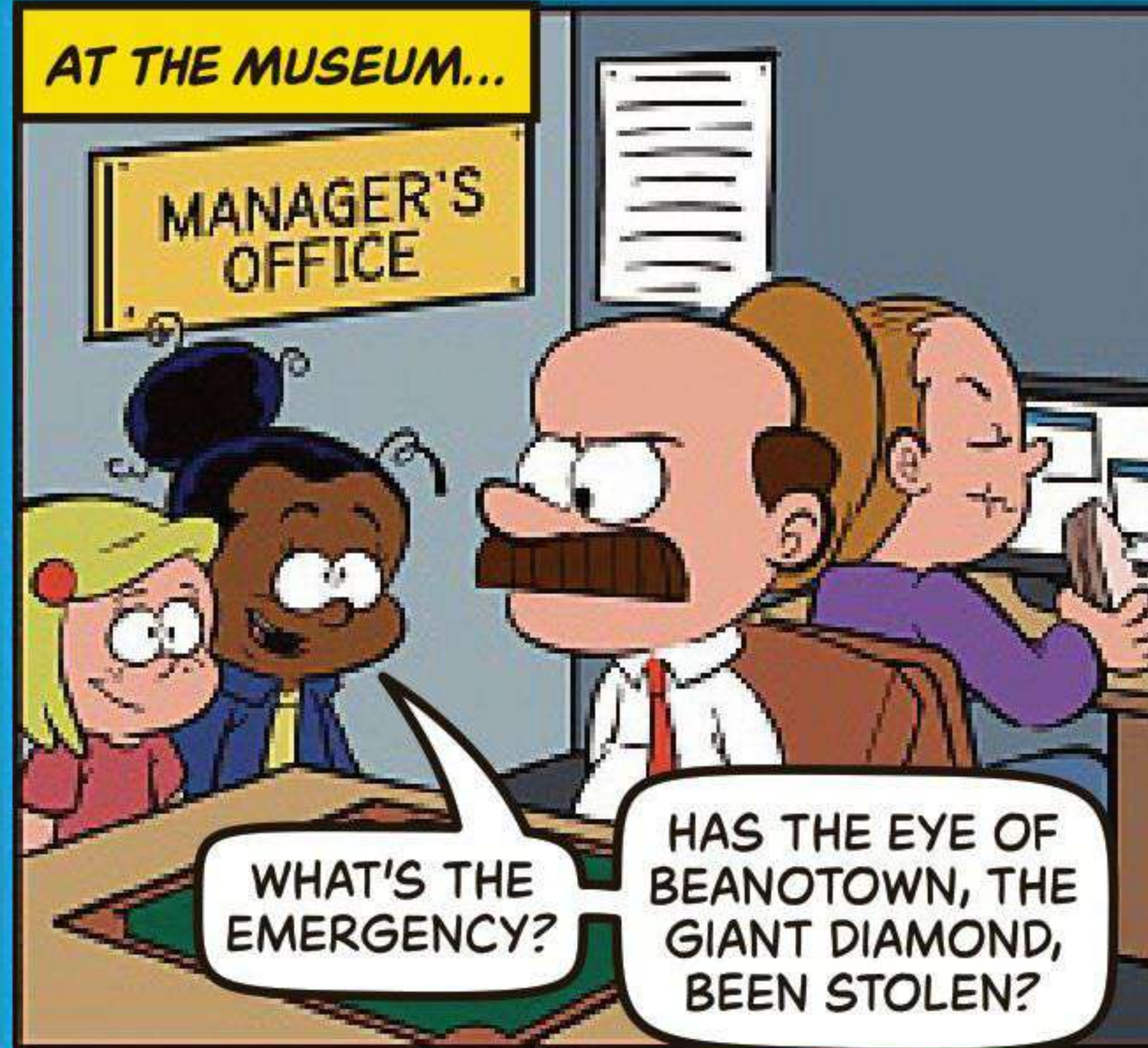
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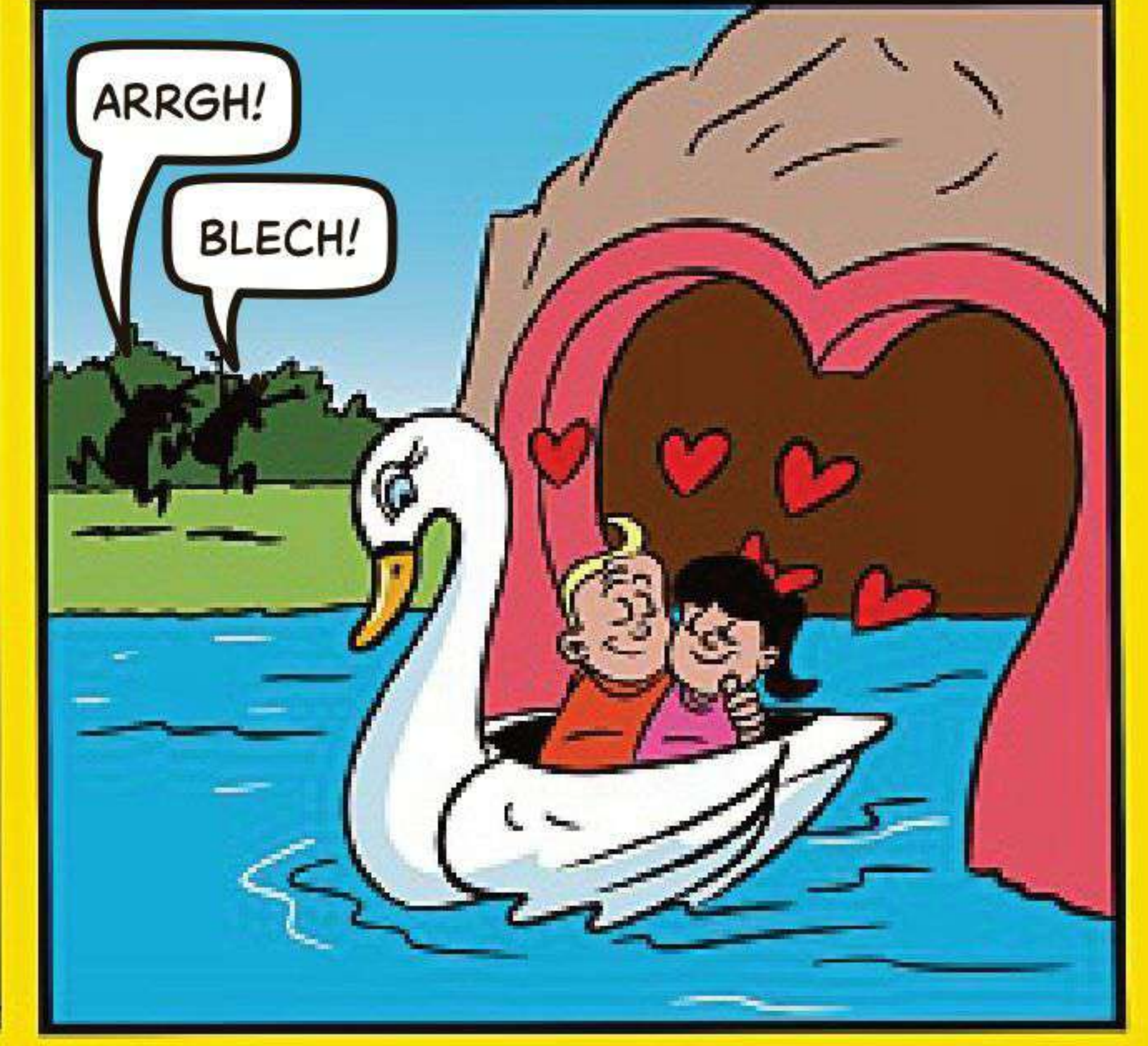
Detective for hire!

WORDS: Nigel Auchterlounie ART: George Gant



## JJ Freewheeling, freestyle fun!

WORDS: Hugh Raine ART: Wayne Thompson





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NEXT WEEK...

RUBI'S  
INVENTION  
HAS GIVEN  
ME A LIFT!

IT'S TOO EARLY FOR

SPRING

...OR IS IT?

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**MAKE  
ME A  
MENACE!**

HI! I'M ASHA, BUT  
YOU CAN CALL ME...



# ASHA THE AUTHOR

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IT'S A BORING DAY IN BEANOTOWN  
WITH NOTHING HAPPENING...



LET'S HAVE AN  
ALIEN ATTACK!



SUDDENLY, ALIENS ATTACK...



WHATEVER ASHA WRITES ON  
HER PAD HAPPENS! - ED



'EVER ALERT FOR THE CALL TO  
ACTION, BANANAMAN SWOOPS  
IN TO SAVE THE DAY!

NEVER FEAR,  
CITIZENS! I'M HERE  
TO SAVE THE DAY!



'BANANAMAN ZAPS  
THE ALIENS WITH  
HIS LASER VISION!

ARRGH! I'VE GOT  
LASERS COMING  
OUT OF MY EYES!  
ARRGH! HOT!  
HOT! HOT!

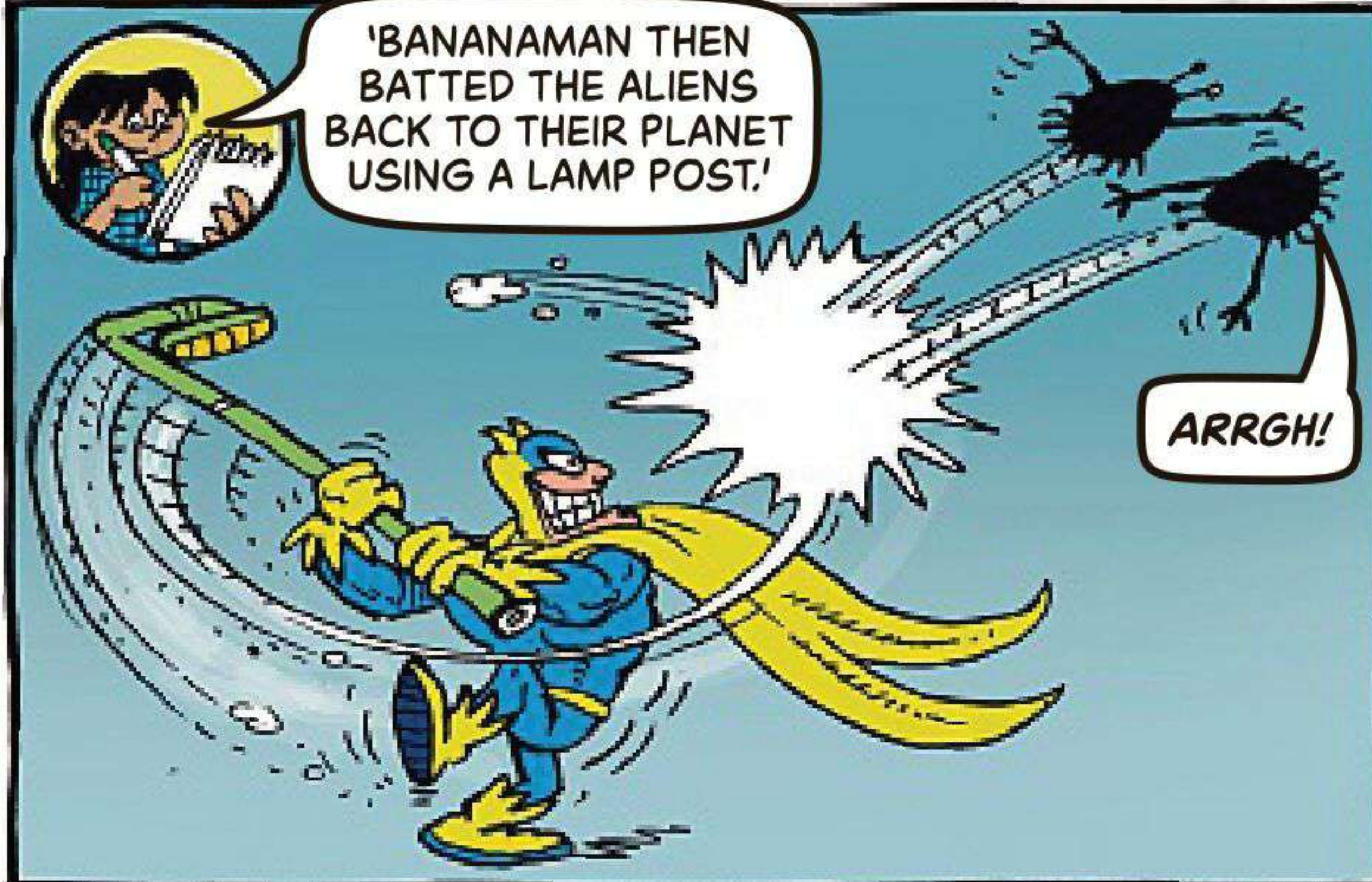


OH, WAIT... DOES  
BANANAMAN HAVE  
LASER EYES?

NO, I DON'T! TURN  
IT OFF! IT'S VERY  
WORRYING!

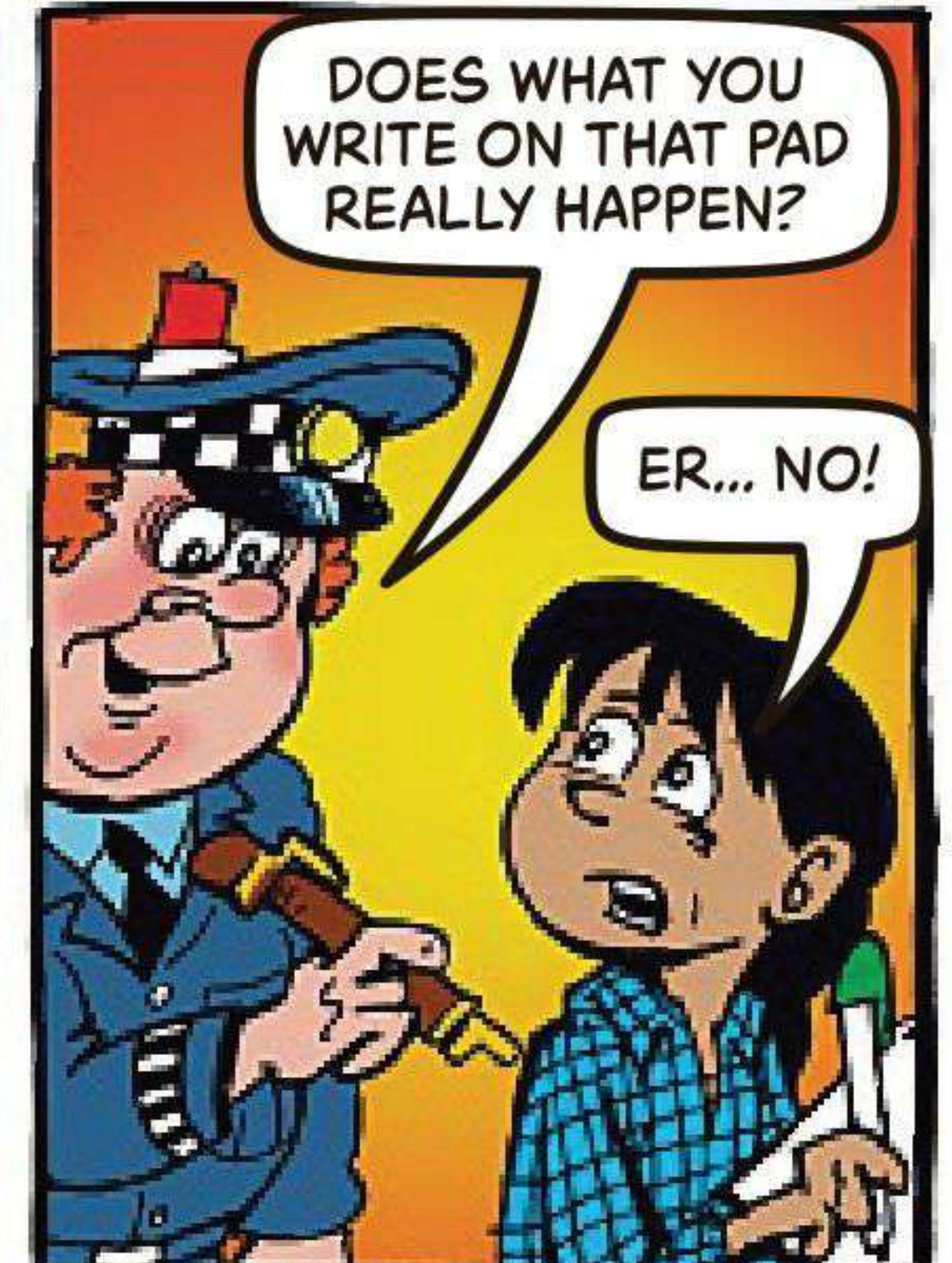


'BANANAMAN THEN  
BATTED THE ALIENS  
BACK TO THEIR PLANET  
USING A LAMP POST!

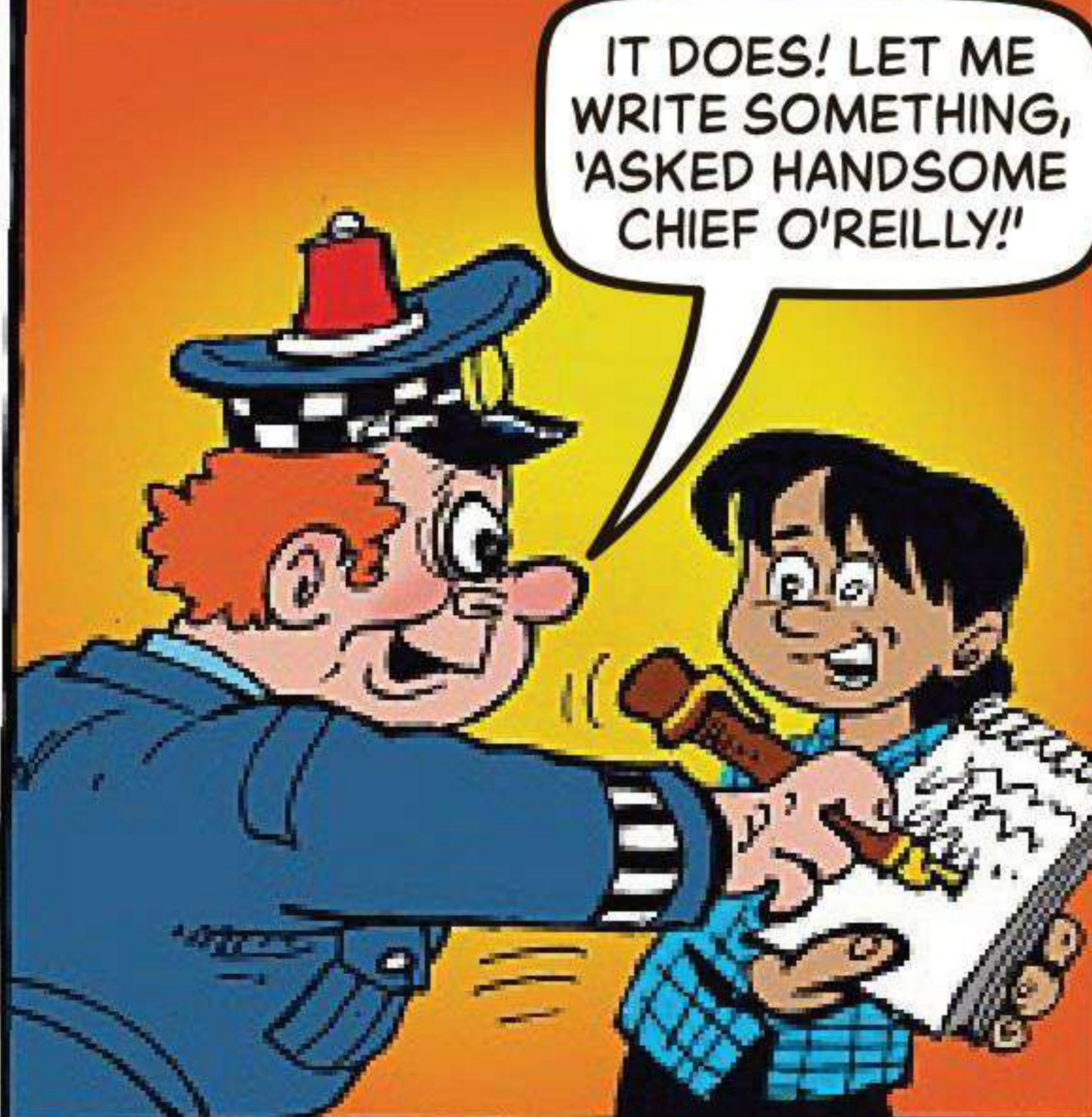


DOES WHAT YOU  
WRITE ON THAT PAD  
REALLY HAPPEN?

ER... NO!

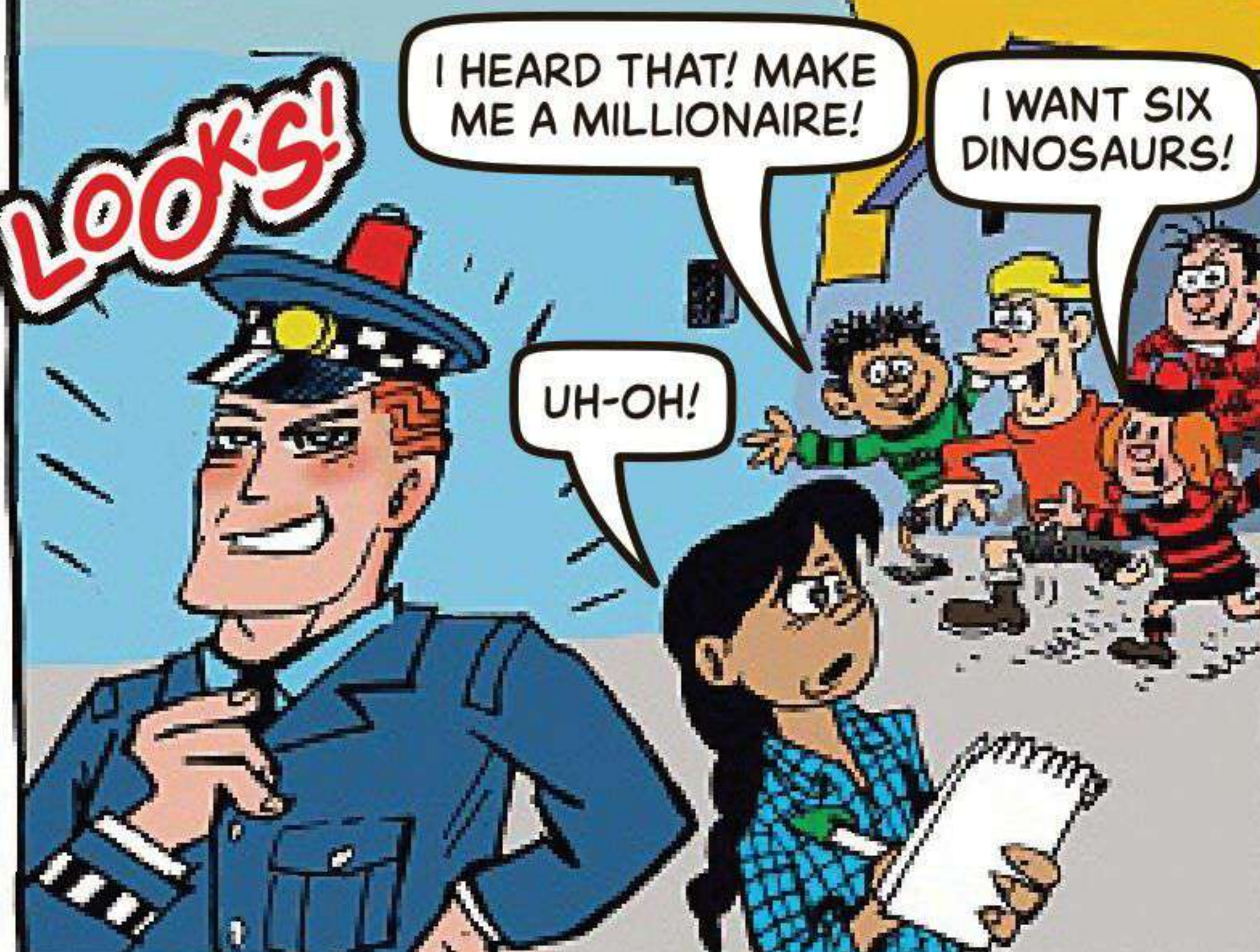


IT DOES! LET ME  
WRITE SOMETHING,  
'ASKED HANDSOME  
CHIEF O'REILLY!



I HEARD THAT! MAKE  
ME A MILLIONAIRE!

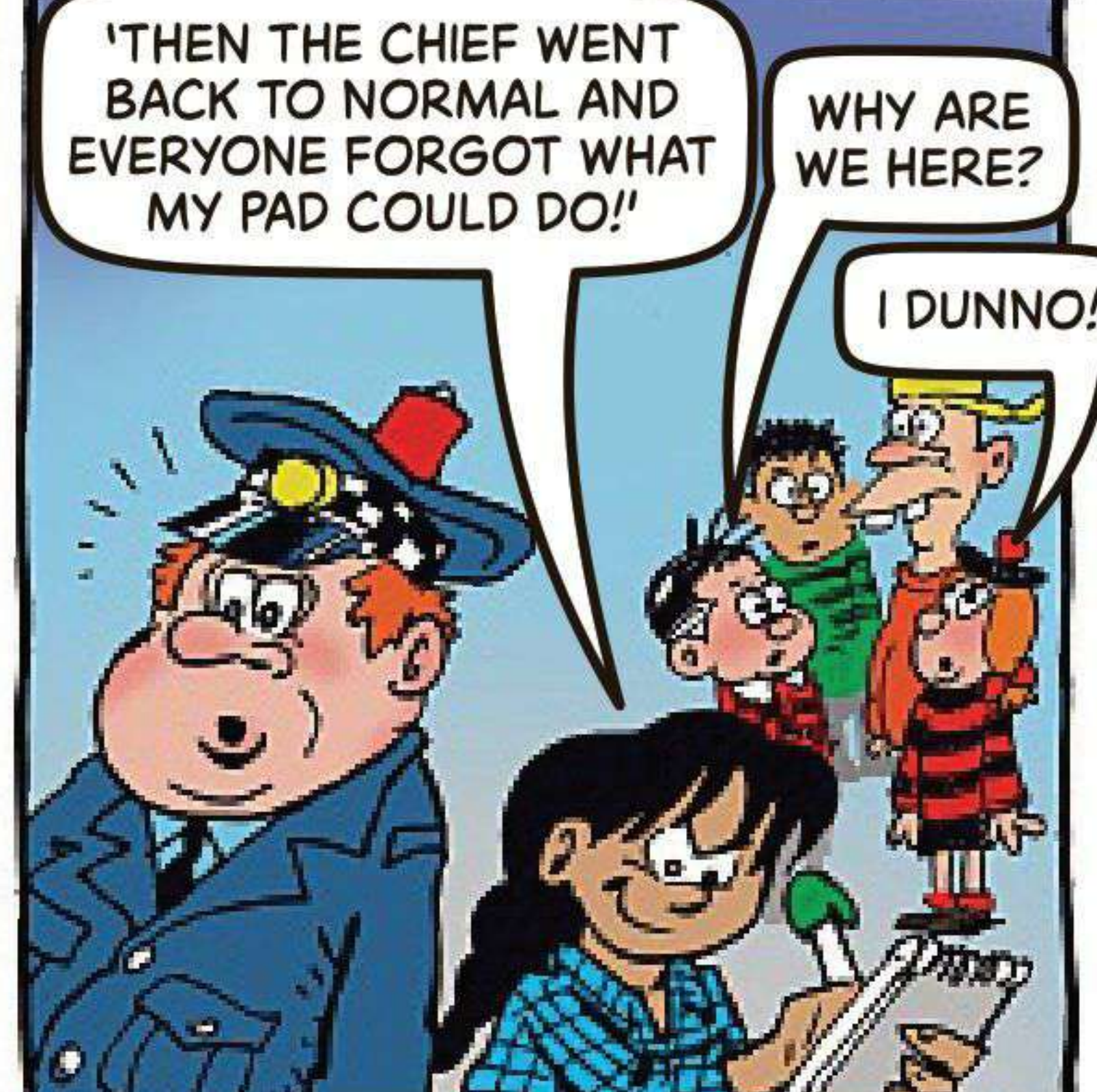
I WANT SIX  
DINOSAURS!



'THEN THE CHIEF WENT  
BACK TO NORMAL AND  
EVERYONE FORGOT WHAT  
MY PAD COULD DO!

WHY ARE  
WE HERE?

I DUNNO!



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